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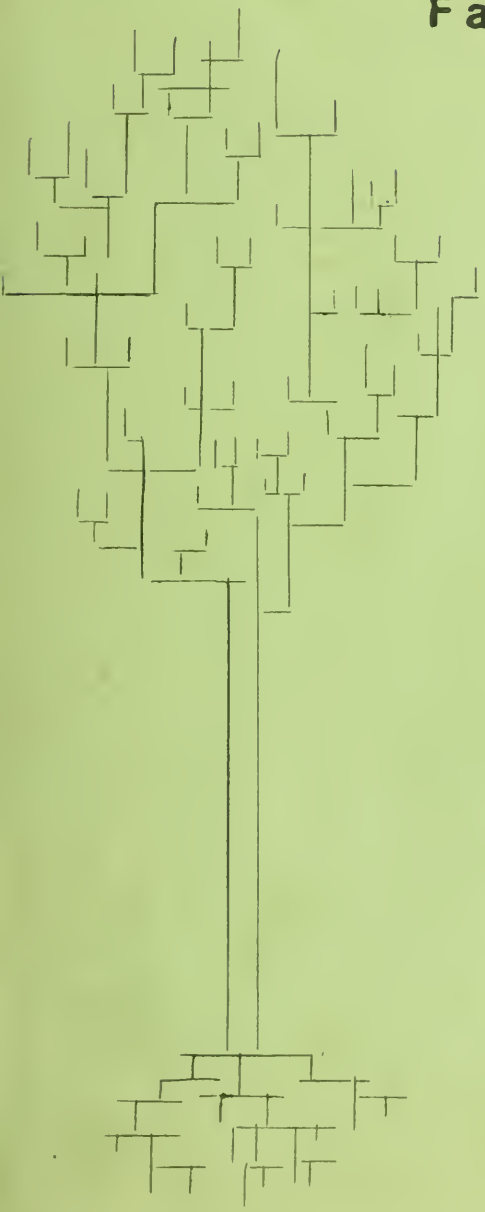

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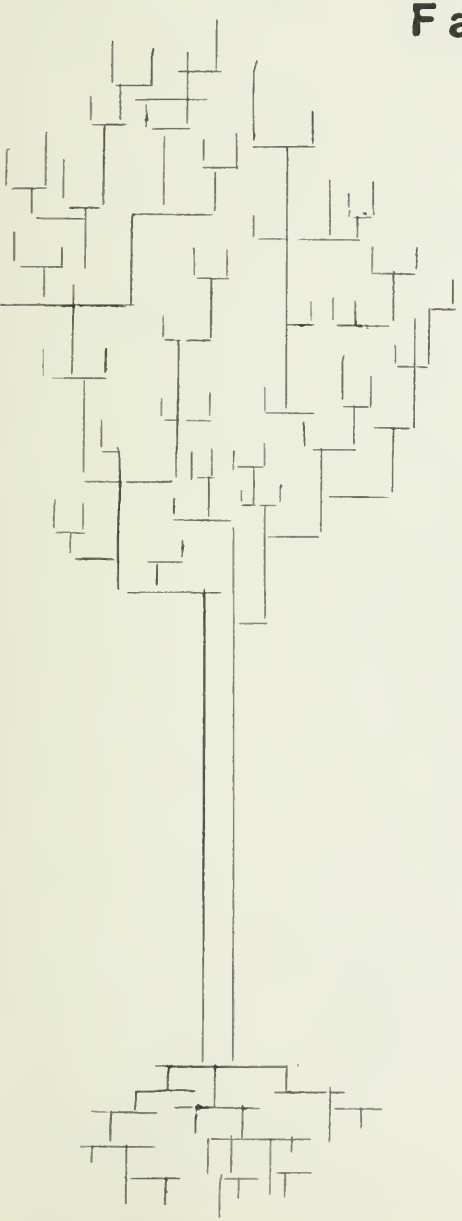

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It is commonly accepted that the name Woodruff, with it's various spellings, is a derivative of the old English title "Wuduweard" meaning "woodguard, protector". (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 36:77) Scholars, who have made a study of surnames, contend that the early spellings of the name give no support to the theory, because there was no official title for a forest overseer to be found in the early records of England or Scotland during the middle ages when these names were being formed.

Records do confirm that the single name "Wuderoua" is found in Warwickshire, England, in 1170 and Hugh Wideroue lived in Lincolnshire in 1185. Robert Woderove was living in Warwickshire in 1225, and a Thomas Woderough is on the 1379 Yorkshire Poll Tax Rolls. William Wodrof is listed in Oxford University Register for 1524.

It is believed that the above acquired their names from the Old English "Wuderofe", a sweet smelling herb, which was customarily carried by women when going to church and to social functions. This plant was referred to as "Sweet Woodruff" and this probably accounts for the nickname. It could have been given to an unusually kind, thoughtful person, or to one who used perfumes, or again, it could have been used ironically.

From a personal standpoint, I perfer the generally accepted intrepretation and chose the title "Tall Trees in the Forest", for the first family record as a result of our drive through the stately tall pines in the forests of Brunswick and Greensville Counties, Virginia, in 1965, and I am using it as a sub-title in the 1985 revised edition.

The name found in Surry, Sussex, Brunswick and Greensville counties, has a variety of spellings - roof - roofe - roff - roffe-ruff - ruffe - rove - rough - rope - depending upon the way the county officials or individuals chose to write it; and in many instances there are two or more spellings in the same document. Eventually those in Brunswick Co were inclined to use the "Woodruff" spelling, while those of Greensville Co, for the most part, spelled the name "Woodroof". Today some of the descendants of Richard Woodroof, Jr, of Greensville County still contend there is

no relationship between the two families.

The Woodruff family of Virginia is of English origin and, according to their tradition, they were of the family of David Woodroofe, Sheriff of London, 1554. While no proof of this statement has been found, it seems probable, since the wide use of the name David occurs among the Surry County Woodroof's who spread into Sussex, Brunswick and Greensville Counties; also, among the Woodroff's of Spotsylvania Co, and the Woodroof's of Caroline Co, who settled in Albemarle and Amherst Counties. Other familiar given names of Richard, George, Nathaniel, Benjamin and William are used, not once, but many times in the same generation within a single county.

The Arms of David Woodroffe and his son, Sir Nicholas, who became Lord Mayor of London, are -- Gules, on a chevron argent, three bucks' heads erased sable; a chief per fesse nebulee' of the third and second. Crest, a dexter arm embowed, habited with leaves vert, holding a branch of honey suckle, all proper. Motto: Sit Dux Sapientia, being interpreted, "May the Leader have Wisdom." (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 33:77)

Greer's Early Virginia Immigrants gives the earliest mention, known at this time, of a Woodroofe in Virginia - Richard Woodroofe, brought over by Capt Samuel Mathews, 1643; and Robert Woodruffe, brought over by Richard Bland, 1647. (p. 370)

The first mention of the name in the Surry County Records is Sam Woodroofe appearing as a tithable from "Upper Sunken Marsh, 1683. (Colonial Surry by John R Boddie). Richard Woodroof's name occurs among the inhabitants of "Pamunkey Neck", who in 1690, petitioned Governor Andros that they "be not at this time made into a separate county as they were too few to bear the expense of maintaining a county government." (Journals of the Council, Vol. 3:1512) His name has been erroneously transcribed as "Thomas", but close examination of the original revealed the error. ("Woodroof-Woodruff Family", by Martha Woodruff Hiden, p.1, housed among the unpublished Family Records in the Virginia State Library.)

By the early 1700's, the name of Woodroofe is found in the early records of Albemarle, Amherst, Spotsylvania, Caroline and Bedford counties, Virginia. An excellent account of the Woodruff's

from these counties can be found in the Virginia Historical magazine (Vol. 36:76-80)

During the next two generations the families from Virginia moved freely from one settlement to another, including South Carolina, North Carolina and Georgia, giving the impression that there were close relationships among them. Due to the scarcity of early records, it is doubtful if further 'proof' is obtainable. However, our interest centers mainly in the families of Surry, Sussex, Brunswick and Greensville Counties of Virginia.

Surry County was formed in 1652, from James City Co, and included a vast area that now comprises six counties. Brunswick was made from Prince George Co by an Act passed in 1720 but apparently on account of the sparseness of population, no court was held until May 1732, when territories from the Isle of Wight and Surry counties were added to Brunswick Co. Lunenberg Co was formed from Brunswick in 1746. In 1753 Sussex was cut off from Surry, and the area known as "Upper Sunken Marsh" was placed in the newly formed County. Mecklenberg was formed from Brunswick in 1765, and in 1781 Brunswick was again divided to form Greensville. Six years later, 1787, the southeastern corner of Brunswick was granted to Greensville Co. One can readily see how a person, without changing location, could become a resident of a different county.

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RICHARD WOODROOF[1] of Surry Co, VA (c 1700-1755) & wife, MARY ( )

Richard, Jr[2]
(1725-1789)
Elizabeth Wyche & Susannah Hobbs

1 Eliz[3]/Jas Nicholson
2 John (-1782)
3 Agnes/Thos Ware
4 Nathaniel/Cathy Vick
5 Mary _____ 2nd
6 Patsy/Sterling Harris
7 Benj/Jane Peebles
8 Susannah
9 Richard III (c 1772 -
10 James
11 Winifred
12 Ann
13 Jane/Saml Avent
14 Wm/Eliz Avent (1784-1814)

(George & Solomon possible sons of Richard Jr[2] by 1st marriage)

George, Sr[2]
(c 1728-c 1795)
Patience ( )

1 *George Jr[3] (1752-
2 Catey/Reuben Jackson
3 Jane/Benjamin Ivy
4 Benjamin (1760-1837) m. Eliz Rivers Bass & Sarah Gilbert
ch:Wyatt, Benj, Wm.
stepson:George W
5 Wilson & others

*George Jr[3] (above) wf Ann ( )

a George B[4] (1780-1863)
m. Sally Manning & . . . . . 2) Jane (Inman) Ferguson

Joseph Phipps/Eliz Inman
Benj Allen/Caroline M Inman
Frances E/Duncastle Buford
3 daus (unknown) Sarah

Susan/Zachariah Bacon
Margaret W
Geo W/Susan Rowland
John A/Julia Harmon
James D

Stepch of Geo B: Sarah Ann/Joseph Rowland; Nancy; Thos H/Sarah Tremmel; William H/Julia Enlow

b Robert W[4] (1792-1873)
m.( ) & 2)Temperance (Whitfield) Willis

Jas Thos[5]/Lucretia Ring
Wm Trigg/Mary J McCaslin

Virginia[5] Allen

c Allen[4] (known bro of Geo B[4] & Robert W[4]

(William[4] & John believed to be the older sons of George Jr[3])

David[2]
(c 1730 -
Frances ( )

1 Richard[3] 1754
2 David 1760
3 Frances 1761
4 William 1762
5 Charles 1764
6 John 1770

Joel[2]
(c 1735-1793)
( )
( )

1 Geo P[3] (1760-) m. Frances ( )
2 Charlotte/Saml Richardson
3 Edmund
4 Henry

R I C H A R D W O O D R O O F[1]

RICHARD WOODROOF[1], our first known ancestor, was born about 1700 or earlier. In 1724 he patented two land grants in Surry County for 635 & 250 acres. He would necessarily be 21 years of age or older at the time. (Land Patent Book 12:93) I believe he died in Brunswick Co, Va, after 1755, and I will explain my reason later in this section. (Brunswick co Court Order Book 5:465).

Richard Woodroof[1] married Mary ( ). We do not know when or where she was born or died. Richard and Mary had several children born between 1724-35 whose names appear in the Surry, Sussex and Brunswick Co. records.(Surry Co Deeds & Wills, 1715-1730, p. 905)

As stated above, Richard Woodroof patented 635 acres of land in Surry Co. in 1724 on both sides of Hunting Quarter Swamp, on the south side of the Nottoway River. In that same year Rev John Cargill, the Episcopal Minister in Surry Co, wrote a description of his "frontier parish" to his superiors stating that "all white inhabitants live here in peril of their lives." (Encyclopedia of American Quaker Genealogy, William Wade Hinshaw, 6:94)

Over the next few years, Richard Woodroof's name appears regularly in the Surry Co records where he bought and sold property. The following were selected - On 18 Jan 1726/27 Richard Woodroofe of Lawnes Creek Parish conveyed to Richard King 100 a. lying on the south side of Hunting Quarter Swamp part of patent to said Woodroofe on 5 Nov 1724 of 635 acres (Surry Co Deeds & Wills 1715-30, p. 674 & 676) On 19 Mar 1738/39 he sold to Nicholas Callihan 225 acres lying on south side of Nottoway River, and 100 acres to Samuel Briggs. (Ibid 905, 1002). In the Callihan deed, Richard's wife, Mary, relinquished her dower rights.

An Indenture made on 14 May 1738 between Richard Woodroof "of Surry Co, Va." and Thomas Eldridge of the same county, reveals that Richard owed Thomas the sum of 32 pounds and mortgaged a tract of land containing 360 acres on "the north side of Hunting Quarter Swamp" for the term of three years. (Ibid 845). In 1742 he was residing in the newly formed Albemarle Parish, Surry Co, and gave a deed of trust on 260 acres lying on the north side of Hunting Quarter Swamp, where he lived, to Thomas

Cocke of Southwark Parish, Surry, to secure a payment of 45 lbs sterling with interest. (Deed Book 4:61) On 15 Apr 1745 Thomas Cocke acknowledges payment of the debt. (Ibid 297) The next day Richard conveyed the entire tract of 360 acres to Robert Jones Jr. (Ibid 299)

The contents of the above records (with words underscored), are of vital importance because they show that Richard Woodroof[1] had a wife named Mary; that he was a resident of Surry Co between the time he patented the land in 1724 and the year 1742 within the approximate time in which his children were born. I think this could be considered "proof" of their birthplace. It also records that his property was located within the bounds of the Albemarle Parish, on the north side of Hunting Quarter Swamp on the south side of the Nottoway River.

On 18 March 1746/47 Richard Woodroof of Surry, Parish of Albemarle, deeded one hundred acres of land lying on north side of Hunting Quarter Swamp to "my well beloved son Richard Woodroof Jr for natural love and affection and for the advancement of Richard Woodroof Jr." (Deed Book 5:3) Richard Jr[2] to be of age, and entitled to hold land, would necessarily be born about 1725/26 or earlier.

Martha Woodroof Hiden, an outstanding genealogist, in her record of the "Woodroof-Woodruff Family", states "that while this is the only documentary proof of sonship to be found at this time, there are several others from the same generation who are believed to be sons of Richard[1]. She includes, along with Richard Jr[2], the names of David[2], George[2] and Joel[2].

When Richard's[1] sons became of age, all four of them are known to have owned land south of the Meherrin River in Brunswick and Greensville counties. The Meherrin River received it's name from the Meherrin Indians, natives of that locale. In the earliest deeds of Brunswick Co (1732-35) there are to be found references to the "old forts" that were strongholds for the protection of the settlers.

In 1752 Richard Woodroof Jr[2], now a resident of Brunswick Co, conveys to Jesse Gillam 100 acres "lying in Albemarle Parish, Surry Co, beginning at a gum on a small branch on Hunting Creek Swamp to a corner of Mr Robert Jones' being formerly Richard Woodroof's land." (Surry Deed Book 6:454). This identifies Richard Jr of Brunswick co, as the son of Richard Woodroof[1] of Surry Co.

There is a possibility that Richard Jr sold his land in Surry Co in order to purchase property in the county in which we was then living. His first deed in Brunswick Co was in 1752. Also, we find that George Woodroof purchased land along the Meherrin River in 1755, and Joel Woodroof in 1762. (Brunswick Deed Book 5:205-7, 715 & Book 7:93-4)

Mrs Hiden writes that the Surry Co deed of Richard[1] (1746) to his son Richard Jr[2] "is the last reference we have to Richard Woodroof[1]". However, it is my belief that he moved to Brunswick with his sons. In Order Book 5:465 of Brunswick Co, dated Sept 1755, we find, "ON PETITION OF RICHARD WOODROUGH IT IS ORDERED THAT HE BE DISCHARGED PAYING COUNTY OR PUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE FUTURE."

We often find a record where an elderly man, because of old age and infirmatives, has been discharged of his responsibilities as a taxpayer; or a man can be exempt from paying a levy on an old infirm slave, as was Richard Jr[2] for his slave, Frank. (Order Book 12:478). However, I can not imagine a young man in his prime, as was Richard Jr[2], being excused. One has only to look at the later taxbooks to see that the name of "Richard Woodroof, Jr." is very much in evidence. On 25 June 1755, as plantiff in a suit against Thomas Bridges for account due him, Richard is styled "Richard Woodroof, Jr" (Ibid 433). Later in a suit dated 26 Nov 1755 the "Junior" is dropped and never used again in the Brunswick records. (Ibid 494).

Thus I believe the Order, dated Sept 1755, refers to Richard Woodroof[1] and that he died in Brunswick Co, Virginia, within a few weeks.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD WOODROOF[1] AND HIS WIFE, MARY ( )

1. RICHARD WOODROOF Jr[2] born about 1725 or earlier. His record is taken up in a more complete way on page 8.
2. GEORGE WOODROOF SR[2] born about 1728. A more complete record follows on page 25
3. DAVID WOODROOF[2] born about 1730. His record is taken up briefly on page 14
4. JOEL WOODROOF[2] born about 1735. His record is to be found on page 15

(JOHN WOODROUGH[2] appears in the early Brunswick records, and is a likely son of Richard[1] (Order Book 6:(1756-1757)

R I C H A R D W O O D R O O F JR[2]

RICHARD WOODROOF JR[2] (Richard Woodroof[1]) was born in Surry Co, Virginia about 1725 or earlier (residence of his father). He was deeded land by Richard[1] in 1746/47 and was necessarily 21 years of age, or older at the time.(Surry Deed Book 15:3-4) He died testate in Greensville Co, Va, in 1789. (Book 1:147-49)

Richard Woodroof Jr[2] married first Elizabeth(?) Wyche, daughter of George and Sarah Wyche of Sussex Co, about 1750 (relation to age of children). The Will of George Wyche, dated 5 Oct 1753 and probated 1757, in Sussex Co, lists among his heirs a "grand daughter, Elizabeth Woodroof, who at the age of 21, or at the time of her marriage, which ever comes first" was to receive a likely negro girl about 12-14 years of age to be purchased by his executors. (Sussex Co Wills A:70) "William and Mary Magazine" carried a record of the WYCHE FAMILY, and citing the above Will, it is erroneously written that George Wyche had a "daughter Elizabeth Woodroof". (Vol. 13:256 & 14:59) George Wyche did not name, among his children, the wife of Richard Woodroof, however, her name could have been Elizabeth, also.

Richard Woodroof Jr[2] married second Susannah Hobbs prior to 1764 (Deed Book 4:210). Susannah died in Greensville Co in 1817 (Appraisement of Estate, 1821, Will Book 3:210-13) Susannah was the daughter of James Hobbs, a member of the Virginia House of Delegates, who died testate in 1785. (Will Book 2:501)

Our earliest reference to Richard Woodroof Jr[2] is the one found in Surry Co when, on 18 March 1746/47, Richard Woodroof[1] of Surry, Parish of Albemarle, deeded "100 acres of land lying on North side of Hunting Quarter Swamp to my well beloved son, Richare Woodroof Jr. for natural love and affection and for the advancement of Richard Woodroof, Jr." (Surry Deeds, Book 5:3)

On 16 June 1752, Richard Woodroof Jr sold the property, given him by his father, and styled himself "a resident of Brunswick Co", indicating that he had moved to Brunswick prior to that time (Book 6:454). On 26 May 1752, Richard Woodroof of Brunswick Co purchased two tracts of land containing 150 and 100 acres located south of the Meherrin River and north of Beaver Pond of Lanier Brewer and his wife, Joanna. (Book 5:205-7) Richard Jr[2]

purchased additional land, and had a large estate, with many slaves, but he lived in this area for the remainder of his life.

It appears that Elizabeth (Wyche) Woodroof came to Brunswick Co with her husband about 1752 and the remaining children of the first family were born there.

In 1771, in Sussex Co, Elizabeth Woodroof "daughter of Richard Woodroof of Brunswick Co", married James Nicholson of N. C. (Sussex Marriages, 1754-1810, p. 58) The information was given that James was 21 years of age, the son of James and Ann Nicholson. It is possible that she was living in the home of her grandmother Wyche.

The name of Richard Woodrough[2] is listed in Fothergill's Taxpayers of Virginia, 1782-1787 in Brunswick Co along with his brothers and other members of the family. In this instance, you will note the recorder gave a new spelling to the name. He is also found in the Original Personal Property and Land Tax Records of Brunswick and Greensville Counties from 1782-1787 (Earliest Tax records available, Virginia State Library, copied May 1963).

1782 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXLIST - BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

page	district		persons	horses	cattle
29	3rd.	GEORGE WOODROUGH JR	1		2
35	4th	GEORGE WOODROUGH SR	1	2	5
		BENJAMIN WOODROUGH	1	1	
44	6th	NATHANIEL WOODROUGH	1	2	44
		JOHN WOODROUGH	1	3	14
		RICHARD WOODROUGH (slaves: Ned, Jude, Sam, Hannah, Sally, George, Amy, Tab, Fanny)	10	6	26
	6th	JOEL WOODROUGH (slave: Jenny)	2	2	12
		GEORGE WOODROUGH	1	2	
	7th	WILSON WOODROUGH (slaves: Lucy, Jane, Jesse)	4		

1782 LAND TAX - BRUNSWICK COUNTY, VIRGINIA

PAGE 26		quanity	valuation
	GEORGE WOODRUFF	150	5/
	JOEL WOODRUFF	471	5/
	RICHARD WOODRUFF	450	7/6
	RICHARD WOODRUFF	181	5/

Note the different spellings of the name, no doubt two different county officials recorded them.

The above have been identified as follows:

GEORGE WOODROUGH SR[2] is the son of Richard Woodroof[1]
George Woodrough Jr[3] is the son of George Woodrough Sr[2]
Benjamin Woodrough is the son of George Sr.
Wilson Woodrough is a son of George Woodrough Sr[2]

RICHARD WOODROUGH (JR)[2] is the son of Richard Woodroof[1]
Nathaniel Woodrough[3] in son of Richard Jr [2], by 1st marriage
John Woodrough [3] is son of Richard Jr [2], by 1st marriage

JOEL WOODROUGH[2] is son of Richard Woodroof[1]
George (P.) Woodrough [3] is son of Joel Woodrough[2]

In 1787 Greensville took in another area of land from Brunswick Co (the s.w. corner of present Greensville) and the property of Richard, Joel and sons, located on Beaver Pond, were included in this transfer, and appears, thereafter, on the Greensville lists.

There is an interesting item in the 1788 Personal Property Taxlist of Greensville Co. The name of 'persons chargable with tax' is given, and then in a separate column, the names of 'white males above 21 years of age living within the household'. Residing in the home of Richard Woodroof (Jr) were GEORGE and SOLOMON WOODROOF, who to all appearances are sons of Richard, although they are not mentioned in his Will, dated June 1789, the following year. In the 1791 PP List we find two George Woodroof's in Greensville Co. One is coupled with the name the name of Joel Woodroof and we identify him as son of Joel. The other is coupled with Nathaniel and Benjamin (b. 1768), known sons of Richard Jr[2]. (George Woodrough Sr & Jr, still remain in Brunswick Co.) It is possible that the two young men, George & Solomon, are sons of Richard Jr, by his first marriage, and after giving them what he considers a fair share of his estate, he immediately made his Will. The boys took their inheritance and left the area.

The combined Wills of Richard (Jr)[2] and his son, John Woodroof[3], make this family fairly accurate and easy to identify. Mrs Hiden believes that the children of the first marriage were:- Elizabeth, wife of James Nicholson; John Woodroof who died in 1782; and the brother and sisters that John mentioned in his will, namely, Nathaniel, Agnes Ware and Mary Woodroof. (Book 1:12). When Richard Jr[2] wrote his Will he named first the sons of his

second marriage; next the children of his 1st marriage, Nathaniel and Agnes Ware, who were to receive from his estate; then the daughters of his 2nd marriage, according to age.

WILL OF RICHARD WOODROOF - GREENSVILLE CO.
Vol. 1, page 147-149 11 June 1789

To Benjamin -- land purchased of Thomas Ware, 166 acres, horse and saddle, cow and calf, bed and furniture, use of negro Ned until youngest child comes of age.

To sons Richard and James -- remainder of lands on south side of Perry Creek, 332 acres. Richard my bay mare named Polly, cow and calf, feather bed and furniture, his of age of 18 years, also negro named George. To James, one horse and saddle, cow and calf, bed and furniture when he comes of age 18.

To son William -- all lands on Beaver Pond where I now live, also, horse and saddle, cow and calf, bed and furniture when he comes of age 18.

My Still remains on Beaver Pond all sons make use of it.

To son Nathaniel -- the plantation on which he lives.

To daughter Agnes Ware -- bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To daughter Patsy Woodroof -- bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To daughter Winefred Woodroof -- bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To daughter Ann Woodroof, bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To daughter Susanna Woodroof, bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To daughter Jane Woodroof, bed and furniture, cow and calf.

To wife Susanna -- one choice negro and all personal property, and all negroes not given away. Requests that she give the 2 youngest children schooling. When youngest son William comes of age of 12 years, then all the negroes, except her choice be divided between the children.

Executors: Susanna, Nathaniel and Benjamin Woodroof
Witnesses: John Roper, Tibitha Norwood,
Mary Vick, Charlotte Woodroof (dau. of Joel[2])

2000 lbs bond for executors.

Susanna Woodroof's name continues to appear on the Personal Property Taxlists of Greensville Co as owning 7 slaves; and in the Land Tax record, the "estate of Richard Woodrooffe" contains 381 acres on Beaver Pond. Susanna Woodroof died in Greensville Co in 1817. (Appraisement of Estate 1821. (Will Book 3:210-13)

I have copied all the personal property and land tax records from 1787-1810. In the 1787 the name is spelled Woodrough, in 1788 Woodroofe and Woodruffe, 1789 Woodruff, 1790 Woodrooff, 1795 Woodrouff, 1798 Woodrooffe, 1800 Woodruff and in 1810 Woodrouffe.

CHILDREN OF RICHARD WOODROOF JR.[2] & his 1st wife ELIZABETH(WYCHE)

1. ELIZABETH WOODROOF[3], whom I believe to be the oldest, was born about 1751. On 10 Apr 1771 she married James Nicholson, Jr, son of James & Ann Nicholson. James is 21 yrs of age and of N.C. Elizabeth is designated as "dau of Richard Woodroof of Brunswick Co." (Marriages Sussex Co, Va. 1754-1810, p.58) It is possible that she was the only Woodroof grandchild when George Wyche made his will in 1753. Since the marriage took place in Sussex Co, she may have been living with her grandmother or relatives. She is not mentioned in her father's will in 1789.

2. JOHN WOODROOF[3], whom I believe to be the oldest son, died in 1782.The Personal property taxlist of that year reveals that John owned 3 horses and 14 head of cattle. Indications are that he did not marry, or that his wife had died. He left a will and made his father, Richard, and his brother Nathaniel executors of his estate. He left his property to his brother Nathaniel and sisters Agnes Ware and Mary Woodroof.(Greensville Will Book 1:12)

3. NATHANIEL WOODROOF[3] was born about 1757. He died testate 1822 or 1823. (Book 3:316) He married in Brunswick Co to Catey Vick on 22 Dec 1779. There was a letter of consent from her father, John Vick. John Vick mentioned his dau, Catey Woodroof, in his will 1787-89 (Book 1:149) Catherine died 1824 testate. Nathaniel appears in the 1783 taxlist and thereafter, owning 222 acres of land in Brunswick co, which was later transferred to Greensville Co. Nathaniel was surety for his bro, Benjamin, at the time of his marriage in 1793. Children and grandch of Nathaniel and Catey Woodroof are listed in their Wills -

1.John Woodroof married about 1801, either Susan Smith or Jenny Chambliss. His ch were Benjamin, Clarey, Mary & Catherine Ann.

2. Betty, wife of Uriah Smith, and their ch, Nathaniel M, Elizabeth W, Melissa C, Irene, James R, Catherine J, Joseph U. Smith.

3. Sally High (or Hill) and her ch Nathaniel, Martha, Cate G, Julia and Charles Washington High (or Hill).

4. A dau that married a Clemmons and had ch, Mason C, Caroline and Samuel G Clemmons.

4. AGNES WOODROOF[3] WARE married ( ) Ware prior to her brother's Will in 1782. There was a Thomas Ware in the vicinity.

5. MARY WOODROOF[3], a sister to John according to his Will in 1782, and unmarried at that time. She is not mentioned in Richard's Will, so no doubt died prior to 1789; or married, received her allotment from the estate, and moved from the area.

(GEORGE & SOLOMON WOODROOF[2] possible sons of Richard[2] by his first marriage; both over 21 yrs of age in the 1788 Taxlist)

CHILDREN OF RICHARD WOODROOF JR[2] & 2nd wife, SUSANNAH (HOBBS)

6. PATSY WOODROOF[3] (probably Martha) was born about 1766, married Sterling Harris, 27 April 1790, surety Samuel Avent. Avent's are related through the Hobbs side of the family. Patsy's youngest brother and sister married into the Avent family.

7. BENJAMIN WOODROOF[3] was born about 1768. This date tallies exactly. He was 16-21 in the 1784 PP taxlist; and 21 or over in 1789. He died testate in Greensville Co in 1823. (Book 4:251). He married Jane "Jimsey" Peebles in Greensville Co, 31 Dec 1793. According to the PP Taxlist, Benjamin owned several slaves and considerable property. He appears in the 1810 & 1820 Federal Census of Greensville Co. In his will he refers to his wife, Jane, who survived him by several months, and the following children:-

1. William who married Antonette Robinson & 2nd Rebecca (Fox) Sledge.
2. Susan, wife of John A Robinson.
3. Eliza, wife of Wyatt Hardin
4. Mary, wife of George W Adams.
5. Nathaniel P. died unmarried.
6. Benjamin D married Susan Taylor.
7. Nancy married Hartwell Harding.
8. Martha married Mark A Collier.

8. SUSANNAH WOODROOF[3] was born about 1770. She was mentioned in her father's Will, unmarried in 1789. Nothing further known.

9. RICHARD WOODROOF (III)[3] was born about 1772. This date tallies exactly. He was 'under 18' at the time of his father's Will in 1789. He was 'over 21' in the 1793 taxlist. He held considerable property in Greensville Co. He appears on the PP list in 1793 for the last time. In 1796 he sold "166 acres adjoining the land of Benjamin Woodroof to his brother, Benjamin. (Book 2:403) This was half of the 332 acres, on the south side of Perry Creek, that he inherited jointly with his brother, James.

10. JAMES WOODROOF[3] was born about 1774. He was 'under 18' in 1789; was 16-21 in 1791, and appeared on the land tax in 1795. In 1803 he sold to his bro, Benjamin Woodroof, 166 acres adjoining his. (Book 3:278) Indications are that he moved from the area.

11. WINIFRED WOODROOF[3] was born about 1777. She was mentioned in her father's Will in 1789, unmarried. Nothing further known.

12. ANN WOODROOF[3] was born about 1780, mentioned in her father's Will in 1789. Nothing further known.

13. JANE WOODROOF[3] (Jenny) the last dau named in her father's Will, and therefore believed to te the youngest daughter, was born about 1782. She married Samuel Avent in Brunswick Co on 18 Nov 1799 and the record states, "dau of Susannah Woodroof who gives consent." Jane was undoubtedly under 18 years of age.

14. WILLIAM WOODROOF[3], youngest son according to his father's Will in 1789, was born 20 Aug 1784. He inherited the home place on Beaver's Pond. He served in the War of 1812 and died 1814. He married 10 Oct 1810, Elizabeth Avent, in Greensville Co. John Avent consents. Elizabeth was born 3 March 1790 and died in Limestone Co, Alabama in 1859. They had one child, James Woodroof. After the death of her 1st husband, William, she married 2nd, Edmund Walton.

James W Woodroof[4], child of William[3] & Elizabeth Avent, married Harriet Wright, 5 Dec 1853, in Madison Co, Al. (Book 4-B:19) James W born in Greensville Co, 28 Nov 1813; died 23 Apr 1897. Harriet b. 21 May 1821 & d. 28 July 1883. Bur. Maple Hill Cem. Huntsville, Al.

D A V I D W O O D R O O F[2]

DAVID WOODROOF[2] (Richard[1]) was born about 1730 in Surry Co, Virginia (residence of his father & relation to known dates.) It appears that he died in Northampton co, N.C. between 1800-1810.

David married Frances ( ) about 1753 or earlier. (Albemarle Parish Register, Sussex Co.) Frances was living in Northampton Co, Va, in 1810.

In 1753 Sussex Co was formed from Surry and David became a resident of Sussex Co. He was a member of the Albemarle Parish and his children's birth and baptismal records are in the Old Parish Register, the last entry being in 1770.

David was living in Sussex Co, probably on some of the land that his father, Richard[1], had bought when Sussex was a part of Surry; and in 1768 he increased his holdings and purchased an additional 50 acres from James Williams. (Deed Book D:415)

Greensville Co was formed in 1781 from Brunswick and Sussex counties and, for the first time, David's name appeared in Greensville Co owning 150 acres. There is no indication he ever lived in Greensville Co because he was never listed on the Personal Property Tax List. Thus, it is reasonable to believe, that prior to the formation of Greensville Co, a portion of David's property was in Sussex Co and relocated in the newly formed Greensville Co. His name remained on the land tax until 1794, then dropped from the rolls.

There is substantial evidence that David moved to Northampton Co, N.C. In the 1800 Census of Northampton Co we find the names of David Woodroof over 45 yrs of age, and Richard Woodroof between 26-45. In the 1810 Census of the same county, we find the familiar names of Richard and John, but David's name has been replaced with Frances Woodroof, over 45. Deeds and tax records reveal that Wilson Woodruff of Brunswick Co, a nephew, lived in Northampton Co on two different occasions.

CHILDREN OF DAVID & FRANCES WOODROOF (Albemarle Parish Register)

1. Richard Woodroof[3] born 19 May 1754
2. David Woodroof born 2 March 1760
3. Frances Woodroof born 1 Mar 1761
4. William Woodroof born 2 Aug 1762
5. Charles Woodroof born 27 Dec 1764
6. John Woodroof born 13 Jan 1770

J O E L W O O D R O O F[2]

JOEL WOODROOF[2] (Richard[1]) was born about 1735 in Surry Co, Virginia (residence of his father; Joel purchased property in 1762) He died in Greensville Co, Va, in 1793. (Greensville Will Book 1:238; and the 1794 Personal Property Taxlist)

Joel married about 1758, judging from the ages of his children (born 1760-1769). The name of his wife is unknown, and she is not named in his Will dated 19 Mar 1785.

The first known reference to Joel Woodroof[2] is a deed dated 26 April 1762 where Joel Woodroof of Brunswick Co, Meherrin Parish, purchased 471 acres of land of Nathaniel Edwards on the north side of Beaver Pond for 30 lbs current money(Deed Book 7: 93-94) This amount does not represent the true value of the land. The property is located in the same area with that of his brother, Richard Woodroof Jr[2].

Early personal property and land taxlists from 1782-87, copied from the originals at the Virginia State Library, show that Joel was living in Brunswick Co, Meherrin Parish, owning 471 acres, north of Beaver Pond. Living nearby was his son, George Woodroof[3], who was a tenant on his father's property, with the understanding that it would one day belong to him, as indicated in Joel's Will. In 1788 the S.E. corner of Brunswick Co was transferred to Greensville Co and the holdings of Joel[2] and his brother, Richard Jr[2], were involved in the change. Joel and family appear in the Greensville Co Land and PP lists from 1788 until his death in 1793.

1789 Personal Property Taxlist, Greensville Co, Va.

Persons charged with tax	White males above 21	white 16-21
JOEL WOODRUFF	Joel & Edmunds	1 (Henry)
GEORGE WOODRUFF	George	

In his Will, written 19 March 1785 and probated December 1793, Joel leaves to his son George Woodroof the "field called his" consisting of 150 acres. To his son Henry the plantation "on which I now live" of 150 acres and a gray mare called "Fly". He left the remaining 171 acres to Edmunds and a bay mare called "Nancy." To his daughter, Charlotte, he left a negro girl named "Jenny", one feather bed and furniture. The remainder of his personal estate was to be divided between his three sons --

-- George, Henry and Edmunds. He appointed Richard and George Woodroof executors, and witnessing the Will were Richard, Nathaniel and Benjamin Woodroof. (Book 1:238-239)

1794 LAND TAX OF GREENSVILLE CO, VIRGINIA

JOEL WOODRUFF, dec'd (150 a. George Woodruff
(150 a. Henry Woodruff
(171 a. Edmunds Woodruff

The Inventory of Joel Woodruff, recorded 24 January 1794, reveals that he owned the following Personal Property:-

A negro girl named Jenny valued at 30 pounds, 1 spinning wheel, 6 chairs, 9 pewter plates, 2 dishes, 2 basons, 1 doz. spoons, 1 water pail, 1 pine table, 1 flat iron, 2 feather beds, 1 bed, 1 pine chest, 2 iron pots, 1 half bushel measure, 2 plow hoes, 2 wide hoes, 1 grubbing hoe, 1 hand saw, 1 draw knife, 1 gun, 2 horse bells, 2 quart bottles, 2 stone jugs, 12 cider casks, 1 raw hide, 4 powdering tubs, 1 horse, 8 head of cattle and fodder, 1 cart and wheels and two bushel of peas. (Book 1:255-56)

Those taking the Inventory were Nathaniel Woodroof, a nephew, and John Phillips who is most likely a relative. Often a relative of the wife serves along with a member of the husband's family.

NOTE: I need the name of Joel's wife. She may have been an Edwards, because the 30 lbs Joel paid for his land did not represent the true value of the property. Again, she may have been an Edmunds, a prominent surname in that area; or Phillips, since John Phillips was appointed to take Inventory, coupled with the fact that Joel and wife named their oldest son George P.

CHILDREN OF JOEL WOODROOF[2]

1. GEORGE (P) WOODROOF[3] was born in 1760 in Brunswick Co, Va, according to a descendant, Mrs Fitzhugh Palmer of Emporia, Va. (Hiden, p.10) George married about 1790, or earlier, judging from the ages of his daughters (1810 Census). Prior to 1800 he married Frances ( ), which appears to be a second marriage. George P. Woodroof will be taken up in greater detail in the following section in order to distinguish him from a cousin with the same name, of the same generation and living in the same area.

2. CHARLOTTE WOODROOF[3] was born about 1764 in Brunswick Co, Va. She witnessed the Will of her Uncle, Richard [illegible], dated June 1789. On 10 April 1791 she was married to Samuel Richardson in Greensville Co. The Richardsons went to Alabama with other related families. Charlotte inherited the slave "Jenny" from her father's estate in 1793.

3. EDMUNDS WOODROOF[3] was born in 1767 in Brunswick Co, judging from the Greensville Co early taxlists. He was "under 21" in 1787, and "aged 21 or over" in 1788. He received 171 acres inherited from his father, and in 1796 sold 65 acres to James Melton. Edmunds married but the name of his wife is unknown.

3. EDMUNDS WOODROOF[3] (cont.) Edmunds remained in Greensville Co and is to be found in the Personal Property and Land Tax records. He also appears in the 1810-1820-1830 Federal Census of Greensville County. In the 1830 Census he is 60-70 years of age (63) and appears to have a wife 40-50, in which case it could mean a second marriage. Then again, he could have an older daughter 40 years of age. He has 2 males in his household, one is 20-30 and the other 15-20. He has 2 daughters aged 20-30 and one is 15-20. So Edmunds had 5 or more children.

4. HENRY WOODROOF[3] was born in 1769 in Brunswick Co. In the 1790 Personal Property taxlist, in the household of Joel Woodroof, he is listed as "21 or above" for the first time, thus giving the approximate year of his birth. Henry married but the name of his wife is unknown. He inherited 150 acres of land from his father, which he kept through the years, and appears on the Personal Property and Land Tax records. He is to be found in the 1810-1820-1830 Census of Greensville Co. In 1830 he was 60-70 years of age with a wife 60-70; also 1 male and 3 females 20-30 years of age.

KNOWN CHILDREN OF HENRY WOODROOF[3]

1. Tilly[4] who married John Chambliss on 18 Dec 1822. The marriage was witnessed by Elizabeth Woodroof and surety, Dudley Woodroof who is possibly a brother.

2. Elizabeth C. Woodroof died in Greensville Co about 1845 and left a Will bequeathing her property to her sister, Sarah D. Woodroof, and then after her death to go to her nephew, Eldridge E Chambliss

3. Sarah D. Woodroof[4] died in 1845 and left her property to a newphw, Eldridge E Chambliss and to his daughter, Lucy A. Chambliss.

4. Dudley Woodroof[4] is most likely a son. He moved to Madison Co, Alabama and married there on 23 Dec 1824 to Viney Webster. (Madison Co Marriages 4-B:p.19)

An extended record of GEORGE P. WOODROOF[3], the oldest son of Joel[2], will be given in the next section. I find this necessary in order to help future genealogists distinguish between individuals with identical names, of the same generation and living in the same County.

GEORGE P. WOODROOF[3], (Joel[2], Richard[1]) the oldest son of Joel[2], was born in Brunswick Co, Virginia in 1760 according to a descendant, Mrs. Fitzhugh Palmer of Emporia, Virginia. (Hiden, 10) Early taxlists agree. He first appears in the 1783 personal property list as 21 or older; and in the 1830 Federal Census of Brunswick Co his age is given as 60-70 years. I do not know when George P Woodroof died or where he is buried.

George P married about 1790 or earlier, judging from the age of his daughters, as revealed in the 1810 Federal Census. Indications are that his first wife died and he married second Frances ( ) prior to 1800, who appears to be a young widow with children. (Comparison of 1810-1830 Census and Deeds) Frances was living in Brunswick Co in 1824 and may have died in Brunswick Co about 1830-31. (Deed Book 26:295-6) In a deed of 1831, George appears to be a widower. (Deed Book 29:200)

George (P.) Woodroof[3] is listed in the Personal Property taxlists of Brunswick Co from 1783-1787 along with his father, Joel[2]. In 1787 the county boundry was changed and the Joel Woodroof estate of 471 acres, north of Beaver Pond, was placed in the adjoining county of Greenville. (Land tax 1782-87 Brunswick Co. & 1788-1800 Greensville Co.) George thereafter continues to appear in Greensville Co. along with his father and brothers.

In 1793 Joel Woodroof[2] died and left a Will in Greensville Co (Book 1:238) in which he distributed his 471 acres between his three sons, and George inherited "a field called his" consisting of 150 acres. The 1794 land tax registers this division of property. Thereafter, from 1794-1800, the three brothers are "grouped" together on both personal property and land tax lists. On the lists that are "dated", the official visited them all on the same day. It is important to note that throughout this entire period, George did <u>not</u> have a son 'over 16' in his household.

In January 1800 George (P.) Woodroof of Greensville Co added to his holdings and purchased 150 acres of land for 125 lbs from Edmund Britt; and the description of property shows that it was situated "on Jesse Williford's line and followed the lines of Ethelred Taylor and Samuel Avent, and along Anthony Sweatt's line to Reedy Branch." Witnessed by William Chambliss, James Pearson,

and John Justice. (Deed Book 2:18-19)

After purchasing the new property, George Woodroof[3] and wife named Frances of Greensville Co, proceeds to sell the 150 acres inheritance he received from his father, Joel[2] to Wm Clement. The description of the property is as follows: "Along Henry Chambliss decd. line, south of Moses Johnson's decd line, along Edmunds Woodroof's line and along Henry Woodroof's line". (Deed 2: 620) Thus we can ascertain that George (P.) Woodroof[3], son of Joel, has a wife named Frances in 1800. So far so good --

On 28 January 1801, George (P.) Woodruff of County of Greensville, purchased of William Carpenter 101 acres in Brunswick Co, Meherrin Dist, located south of Quarrel's Swamp, adjoining the property of Abner Woolsey. (Brunswick Deeds 18:106)

The 101 acres was at one time owned by George Walton, also living south of Quarrel's Swamp, and was listed as containing 107 acres. (1782-99). George Walton sold it to William Carpenter in 1799, who in turn sold it to George Woodroof, son of Joel in 1801. The land tax records 1799-1801 tell of the 6 acre adjustment made during a survey.

On 10 Feb 1801, a few days after purchasing his new property, George Woodroof and wife Frances of the county of Greensville, sold to Samuel Avent the 150 acres adjacent to Williford & Taylor. (Greensville 3:13-14) Now having disposed of all of his land in Greensville Co, he moved onto his newly acquired property in Brunswick Co. The tax records reveal that George (P.) Woodroof lives on his 'premisis' of 101 acres south of Quarrel's Swamp that is located 12 miles southeast of the courthouse at Lawrenceville. (land tax 1801-1824)

It is important to establish this because living in the same area is a cousin, George Woodrough Jr[3] (son of George Sr[2]) who is about ten years older, and he has a son, George B Woodrough[4] (born 1730) just coming of age.

When the numerous George Woodruff's suddenly descend upon the county it caused much confusion among the tax collectors, census takers, commissioners and clerks. They each endeavor to keep their records straight by using the titles of Senr & Junr, designations of "son of Joel" and "son of George", and resorting to initials of "P" and "B", etc. But as the office changed hands, so did the various methods employed for identification; along with the spelling of the Woodroof name'In order to make this statement I searched the original records & secured photocopies of the lists to make a comparison of the scripts.)

Looking back into the PP taxlists of Greensville Co, I find that George Woodroof[3], son of Joel[2], owned a slave from 1790 until 1800, and on a couple of occasions he is credited with two blacks. In 1800 he is listed as owning "one black 12-16 years of age." As he moves over the line into Brunswick Co in 1801, he takes his slave with him, and from the beginning we can distinguish him from his cousin, George Jr[3], who at no time owned a slave. From this we can ascertain that George[3], son of Joel[2] (who owned a slave) was designated as "GEORGE P. WOODROOF" between the years 1801 to 1819.

From the taxlists we know that George P did not have a second 'male over 16' in his household until 1814. Thus, we can believe that his oldest son[3] was born about 1797-8. On the other hand, his cousin, George Jr[3], (son of Geo Sr) has 3 males 'over 16' in his household prior to 1800; and 2 males 16-26" in 1810 as will be shown in the following census.

1810 FEDERAL CENSUS, BRUNSWICK CO, VA.

Meherrin District

p. 765	GEORGE P. WOODROUGH: (son of Joel[2])	1 male over 45 3 males 10-16 2 males un 10	1 female 26-45 2 females 16-26 1 female 10-16 3 females un. 10
p. 765	GEORGE WOODROUGH SR (formerly called Jr, now Sr)	1 male over 45 2 males 16-26 1 male 10-16	1 female over 45 1 female 16-26
p. 766	GEORGE B. WOODROUGH (son of Geo Sr, above)	1 male 16-26 1 male un 10	1 female 16-26

At this time, Frances, the second wife of Geo P, is about 29 years of age. The 2 girls must be daughters of first marriage, born prior to 1794.

In 1810 George P Woodrough[3] is living on his 101 acre estate south of Quarrel's Swamp; while George Senr[3] (formerly Jr) and his son, George B[4], have purchased property on Brandy Creek, a short distance away.

In 1810 George (P) purchased an additional 100 acres of land for 100 lbs from Thomas Powell, and the description is given as being located "on white oak creek, south of Quarrels Swamp, near the road, to Taylor's line and along Woolsey's lines, adjoining his present property." (Deeds 21:2,23,35) Land tax records now show that George P owns 201 acres south of Quarrels Swamp and lives on his premisis "near Powellton and about 10 miles S.E. of the courthouse at Lawrenceville." (Land tax 1810-24)

In 1814, the many George Woodroof's are still giving the taxmen and clerks difficulty so in the PP taxlist of that year the recorder designated one as "son of Joel", and a comparison of the records show that it is, without a doubt, the one called"Geo. P."

The names of George Woodroof, Sr[3] (formerly Jr) and his known sons, Robert W. (appearing on the lists 1815-1819) and Allen (1819 only) appear for the last time in the 1819 PP list, and on a deed dated March 1820 (book 24:494). Thereafter in the 1820 Census and taxrecords there is only <u>one</u> George Woodroof (other than Geo B) living in the county.

One may ask, how can I be so certain that it is George Senr[3] that leaves the area and Geo P, son of Joel, that remains since thereafter the middle initial is dropped. This unrefutable fact remains -- <u>the man who owns the 201 acres south of Quarrel's Swamp, with a wife named Frances, and the one that owns the slave</u>, is the one who remains in the Brunswick Co deeds and records from 1820-1830.

<u>1820 FEDERAL CENSUS OF BRUNSWICK CO, VA</u>
Meherrin District

p. 676	GEORGE WOODRUFF:	1 male over 45	1 female 26-45
	(son of Joel)	1 male 16-26	3 females 16-26
		2 males 10-16	2 females 10-16
		2 males un 10	2 females un 10
next door			
	WILKINS WOODRUFF:	1 male 16-26	1 female 16-26
	(son of Geo P)	1 male un 10	1 female un 10
p. 678	GEORGE B. WOODRUFF:	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45
	(son of Geo Jr[3])	1 male 10-16	3 females un 10
		1 male un 10	

It is almost certain that the above Wilkins Woodruff is a son of George P and is listed in the PP taxlists for the first time in 1819. Wilkins leaves the area within a couple of years. There is no marriage record for Wilkins in either Brunswick or Greensville county records.

In the 1820 Census, George P's wife, Frances, is still 26-45 years of age, and I believe this to be correct since she is a second wife.

George P had a difficult time with his finances (not surprising if you check the number of children in his household) and on 9 April 1824 George (P) Woodruff of Brunswick Co gives a Deed of Trust to John Jones Jr and Harrison Hartwell for an indebtedness of 260.00. He mortgages 100 acres that he "purchased of Powell (1810) and the other part of William Carpenter (1801), bounded by lands of Woolsey and Cotton" to be held in trust until December 1824. (Book 26:202-3) From the description of the

property we know that this applies to George P, the son of Joel.

On 20 Nov 1824 George Woodruff and wife Frances sell 50 a. of land to Henry Cotton "it being the same property purchased of Powell" (book 26:295-6). George received 250 dollars which no doubt went to pay off the above mortgage. The 1825 land tax reveals that George now owns 151 a. on Quarrel's swamp. The above is the last definite record I have of Frances Woodruff and offers substantial proof that she is a second wife. The deed twice repeats the phrase "George Woodruff and Frances his wife, their and each of their heirs", as though it referred to a second marriage with children and children of former marriages. In 1827 George (P) Woodruff mortgaged the "150 a. more or less on which he lives" for an indebtedness of 235.00 to Robert Green. (Book 27:340)

1830 FEDERAL CENSUS BRUNSWICK CO, VA
(Meherrin District)

p. 251	George Woodrough:	1 male 60-70	1 female 40-50
		3 males 20-30	1 female 30-40
		3 males 15-20	2 females 15-20
			1 female un 5

A comparison of the 1810-1820-1830 Census proves without a doubt that it is George P Woodruff, son of Joel, as shown in the land tax and deeds. The female 40-50 is his wife Frances, whose age favors the theory of a second marriage; along with the fact that George P's children were born over a span of about 30 yrs. (1794 or earlier - 1826 or later). The 2 older girls of the 1810 census were most likely children of a first marriage. A married son may be living with his father.

On 16 December 1831 George Woodroof sells the 150 a. "on which he lives" for 300.00 to Gray W. Woodruff and John Woodruff, believed to be sons. (1821-27 taxlist shows 3 males "over 16" in household of George P. and the 1830 Census shows 3 males 20-30 years of age) In this instance Frances did not sign the deed with him. It is further recorded that "two justices question George" and then certify to the effect that "it is his full intent." (Book 29:200-01) This was done because George was an old man, seventy years of age, and was disposing of all his property that had been in his possession for over 30 years. They wanted to make certain that it was his decision free from duress. I believe that Frances died between 1830-1831, because if she had been living her "consent" would have been given in the same document.

To all appearances George P. Woodruff[3], son of Joel[2], died between 1831 (last deed) and 1840. He did not appear in the 1840 Federal Census of Brunswick Co; or there is the possibility that, after disposing of his property, he collected his 300.00, paid off his debt, and moved to another area, perhaps where his son, Wilkins Woodruff, was living.

NOTE: I need the name of the 1st wife of George P Woodruff; also, the surname of Frances, the second wife. Wilkins and Gray are good possibilities.

POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF GEORGE P. WOODRUFF[3] and FIRST WIFE:

I have no documentary proof for this family group. According to the 1810-1830 census, George P. had no less than 7 boys and 8 girls in his family, some undoubtedly step children.

1 & 2 Daughters born between 1784-1794, aged 16-26 in 1810 Census. One of these girls remained in the household in 1830 Census.

3. WILKINS WOODRUFF[4] born about 1797, the male 16-21 in the 1814 taxlist. Wilkins appears in the 1820 Census, living nextdoor to George P. Woodruff. He was married prior to 1820 (no record) He continues to live in the county until 1824 taxlist.

POSSIBLE CHILDREN OF GEORGE P. WOODRUFF & WIFE FRANCES ( )

4. GRAY W. WOODRUFF[4] could be the oldest child of 2nd marriage. He was born in 1800 (1850 Census) most likely in Greenville Co. He married about 1830 to Sally ( ) (no record). In 1831, along with his bro, John, he purchased his father's farm. Known Ch: Augusta b 1831; Catherine b 1834; Thomas b. 1836; George b. 1842; and "baby" b 1848 according to the 1850 census. Gray & wife may have been in the household of George P in the 1830 Census. On 14 Jan 1857 in Brunswick Co, Catherine Woodruff, dau of Gray W. and S. A. Woodruff, married H G Wright, son of Saxton & Rebecca Wright. This is the line of Mrs Fred Mansfield (Lena) whose address is Box 162, Bandera, Texass (as of 1966). Mrs Mansfield has the following children: Lena Wright Mansfield, Leo Alvin Mansfield, Charles Wright Mansfield, Doris Mansfield Henderson, and Arlene Mansfield Rosin.

5. JOHN WOODRUFF[4], believed to be a son of George P, purchased an interest in his father's farm in 1831.

6. GEORGE W. WOODRUFF[4] appears in the deeds around 1830, perhaps a son.

7. HENRY W. WOODRUFF[4] found in deeds about 1830, perhaps a son.

8. BENJAMIN W. WOODRUFF[4], a known son of George P. Woodruff, was born in 1813 according to a descendant, Mrs Fitzhugh Palmer of Emporia, Va. (Hiden, p. 10). He is the only positively identified son.

The special emphasis, placed on Joel[2] and his son, George P[3], was necessary. Working backward on our direct line, we came to GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4], of Franklin co, Mo, a known ancestor. We followed his roots to Madison Co, Alabama, then to Brunswick Co, Virginia, and there faced the Number One problem - Which of the 4 Woodroof brothers, found in the early records of Brunswick Co, Va, was his progenitor?

When writing a FAMILY HISTORY, you start at the beginning and tell the story. But in researching that family you start where you are, with the facts that you know, and work backward - one step at a time - proving each connecting link. This is a difficult thing to do without benefit of a Will.

All of the Woodroof brothers required equal research and after eleminating Richard, David and Joel, the easier lines to follow, there still remained the question - WHICH GEORGE? - when there were at least five in the area. We will now turn our attention to our Branch of the Woodruff Tree, almost praying the Woodruff Motto:- "May the Leader have Wisdom".

G E O R G E W O O D R O O F SR[2]

GEORGE WOODROOF Sr[2] (Richard[1]) was born in Surry Co, Va, prior to 1730 (residence of his father, Richard, Surry Deed Book 1730-33, p.845; association with Richard Jr[2], known son of Richard[1]). He was necessarily of age, over 21, when he bought land in Brunswick Co in 1755 (Book 5:717) and in view of the fact that he had a son born about 1750. He is believed to have died in Brunswick Co about 1795.(last appearance on taxlist)

George Woodroof[2] married around 1750, presumably in Surry, Sussex, Brunswick or surrounding counties, but no record has been found. In 1789 his wife's name was Patience, but she may have been a second wife. George Sr[2] had five known children born between 1750-1765 - George Jr.[3] by virtue of Sr and Jr in personal property taxlists, census, etc and their close association; Benjamin and Wilson are proven brothers of George Jr (Pension papers of Benjamin Woodruff W C 6583); Catey and Jane Woodroof, designated in their marriage records as "the daughter of George Woodroof."

Since George Sr[2] did not leave a Will the information, here given, has been secured through other records. I have copies of every deed to and from any one by name of George Woodroof between the years 1750-1830 in both Brunswick and Greensville counties. Deeds are very revealing - from them you can learn a man's approximate age, the location of his property, who his neighbors and friends were, the name of his wife, and sometimes her parents, the names of his children and who they married, his approximate wealth, how he carried on his business and many other important facts. In addition, I have all of the Personal Property and Land taxlists from 1782-1825 in both Brunswick and Greensville counties which contain a wealth of genealogical data. When this information is combined with the early census, court orders, marriage records & war records, one can piece together a fairly accurate account of a given family.

George Woodroof[2] appears to have moved to Brunswick Co with his brother, Richard Jr[2], about 1752 or soon after. His name first appears in the Court Order Book of Brunswick Co on November 1755 where "George Woodrough is appointed constable in room of William Ledbetter and thereupon the said George Woodrough was sworn according to law. (Book 5:486)

Likewise in 1755, George Woodroof, a resident of Brunswick Co bought <u>196 acres</u> of land on the <u>north</u> side of the Meherrin

river. A detailed description of the property follows -- "beginning at a hickory, formerly Ralph Jackson, now Adam Sims, to a birch on the Meherrin River, thence down the said river as it meanders, including all the islands below the aforesaid corner birch, etc..." (Book 5:717)

The next record is of October 29, 1765, when George Woodroof of Brunswick Co mortgaged all of his personal property to Nathaniel Edwards, county merchant, for 50 lbs current money of Virginia. It is of interest to note the limited possessions that our ancestor possessed in those days. His effects are listed as follows -- 1 roan horse, 1 misti mare and colt and her increase, 15 head of cattle, nine head of sheep, all my stock of hogs, three feather beds, and furniture, one dozen pewter plates, four pewter dishes, three pewter basins, four iron pots and hooks, twenty eight geese, two tables. two chests, three bed steds, 6 chairs, one frying pan, all my crop of corn, all my work tools consisting of axes and hoes. (Deed Book 8:269 & Order Book 10:6)

In the following year, 28 July 1766, George Woodroof appears to sell 150 acres of land to John Robinson for 20 lbs, but it is in reality another mortgage (Please note this is not the same piece of land as described in the above deed).

"lying in the Meherrin Parish, south side of river, starting with a red oak on Meherrin river, down the river to a corner beach. Then taking a S.E. course following a line of marked trees between the parties of Robinson and Woodroof, to a turkey oak on Harris & Wilkins line, thence along their line to a corner pine, then 252 poles in a northwestern direction to the beginning. (Deed Book 8:391) Later George regained his property and lived on this 150 acres most of his life. It was thereafter designated as "his fee simple estate", which means, "inheritance free from conditions." There is also a reference to "his absolute property."

The question naturally arises, "Where did George Sr[2] come by this inheritance since there is no deed of purchase? The only conclusion to be reached is, an inheritance "free from conditions" from his father. Richard[1] may have purchased the land years prior to his death while it was still a part of Surry county. The term "absolute property would lessen the possibility of an inheritance from his wife's parents, unless his wife had died.

In Order Book 10:188 (1765-68) we find the following record - "The attachment obtained by George Woodrough against the estate of Samuel Harwell is dismist." Samuel's Will was probated in 1767, and a copy of the Will does not give a clue to the possibility of an inheritance. Samuel had several daughters but they did not receive land. At this writing I do not know the story behind this entry.

The next record, found 1 Jan 1771, is of interest because George Woodrough of Meherrin Parish sold to John Robinson 196 a. of land on the north side of the Meherrin River and the description follows - (Deed Book 10:53)

"Beginning at a hickory formerly Ralph Jackson, now Adam Sims, to a birch on the Meherrin River, thence down the said river as it meanders including all the islands below the aforesaid corner birch..."

is identical to the original purchase that George Woodroof made in 1755. It proves that the George Woodroof of the 1755 deed and the George Woodrough of 1771 is one and the same person, and while the land is on the north side of the river, he is living on the south side. It reveals that a new county clerk had come into office and had changed the spelling of the Woodroof name. It is possible that George sold this 1755 purchase in order to clear and regain "his fee simple estate that he mortgaged to John Robinson in 1766.

It is noted that the wife did not sign with him. I have known instances where a wife's name was omitted from a deed, and then recorded at the next term of court to the effect that she willingly gave consent. I know there are many "loose papers of Brunswick Co" among the deeds that are not included in the books. However, I believe that his wife had died, judging by the following mortgage.

On 1774 George Woodruff mortgaged 150 acres of land to Douglas Wilkins for 70 lbs - Indebtedness. It is located in Meherrin Parish and designated as "his absolute property in fee simple", and the "plantation on which he lives." No further description is given, but it is without a doubt the 150 acres described in the 1766 mortgage. Somehow George was able to clear his indebtedness and keep his land for the next 15 years. (Book 11:193)

In 1772 the first reference is made to a GEORGE WOODROUGH,Jr. in the area. The Brunswick Co Court ordered that John Swanson & wife, Joyce, pay George Woodrough Jr. 150 lbs tobacco for 6 days attendance as a witness for them. (Book 12:151) Up to this time there has been no mention of a George Sr or a George Jr or any indication that another man of the same name was living in the county; so we can conclude that from the years 1755-1772 there had been only one George Woodroof over 21 years of age.

The original property and land tax books of Brunswick Co,

located in the Virginia State Library (copied 1963) reveal that there are 8 Woodrough's living in Brunswick Co from 1782-1787 (and earlier) that I have been able to identify -

RICHARD WOODROUGH (Jr)[2]$_3$, son of Richard[1]	(documentary proof)
Nathaniel Woodrough$_3$, son of Richard Jr[2]$_2$	" "
Jonn Woodrough , son of Richard Jr[2]	" "
JOEL WOODROUGH[2], son of Richard[1]	(association)
George P Woodrough, son of Joel[2]	(documentary proof)
GEORGE WOODROUGH, SR[2], son of Richard[1]$_2$	(association)
George Woodrough, Jr, son of Geo Sr$_2$	(documentary -Pension
Benjamin Woodrough, son of Geo Sr$_2$	(papers of Benj, who
Wilson Woodrough, son of Geo Sr	(names his bros.

Land$_2$and Personal Property tax records show that Richard Jr[2] and Joel[2] and their sons are living in Dist 6 - around the north side of Beaver Pond (later included in Greensville Co in 1787)

Land Tax reveal that George Sr[2] lived in Dist no. 4 (present Powellton Dist) owning 150 a. of land (fee simple estate). Personal property tax show that George Sr, George Jr and Benjamin are grouped together in Dist 4 as though living on the same land.

Wilson Woodrough was living to himself in Dist 8, but within a couple of years moved from the area. He reappears in Northampton Co, N.C. (adjoining Brunswick Co on the south) and eventually returns to Brunswick Co in 1815. In 1790 Benjamin Woodruff moved to Georgia (his own statement). Thereafter from 1790 to 1796 George Sr and George Jr are the only two Woodruff's living in Brunswick Co.

In 1779, 24 Aug, we have the record that Catey Woodroof, the daughter of George Woodroof, married Reuben Jackson in Sussex Co. (Sussex Marriages by Knoor, p. 25) The marriage was witnessed by her brother, Benjamin Woodroof, and Patience Woodroof who I believe to be her mother, or step mother. So we may ask, were some of the Woodroof children living in Sussex Co between the years 1765-1779 with maternal grandparents or relatives?

In Brunswick Co, on 8 June 1787, Benjamin Ivy married Jane Woodrough, and the Baptist minister, Rev. John King, added the notation, "daughter of George Woodrough". (Brunswick Marriages by Knoor). I believe the Woodroof family was of the Baptist faith in view of the fact, that spaning two generations, they were married by Baptist ministers - Rev William Dossey and Rev John King.

In 1787 George Woodrough, along with several widows, and a young man designated as "under 21 years of age" have the abreviation "TFREE" following their names. I believe this is to indicate they are "Taxfree", a priviledge granted to some who fall within a certain category. George is given this consideration, no doubt, due to his age or infirmity. He would be about 57 yrs of age.

On 29 Nov 1789, George Woodrough and wife, Patience, of Brunswick Co, Meherrin Parish, sold 150 acres of land on the south side of the Meherrin river to Edmunds Wilkins for 75 lbs. This is the identical property that George Woodroof mortgaged to John Robinson in 1766. However, 23 years had passed and when the clerk wrote a description of the tract it is described in reverse (see page 26).

It begins with an oak on Meherrin river, follows the line of Camp and Scott formerly owned by Wilkins and Harris for 252 poles in a southern direction to a corner pine, thence to John Robinsons turkey oak, thence along the line of marked trees to the corner beach and up the river to the beginning. (Book 14:568-9) The deed was recorded on 22 March 1790 term of court and Benjamin Woodrough signed "his mark" as a witness.

Thus we know that this George Woodroof (1766) who mortgaged 150 a. fee simple estate; and the George Woodruff (1774) who again mortgaged his fee simple estate; and the George Woodrough and wife Patience (1789-94) who finally sold the fee simple estate, is one and the same man, George Woodrough, Sr,[2] as will be shown in the following record.

On 19 January 1790, six weeks after George and Patience sold their land, George Woodrough, Sr mortgaged all of his personal property to William Wyche Wilkins for an indebtedness of 30 lbs. This appears to be his total personal property, accumulated over a lifetime.

1 small black mare, four cows, 2 heifers, one bull colored as follows - one a red and the other three brindle and white, 3 heifers red and white and 2 young calves. Also 2 old spotted sows and 17 shoatts, three feather beds and furniture, 2 bed quilts, 1 bed blanket, 4 sheets, and one bed quilt not finished, 1 woman's saddle, 1 mans saddle and bridle, 3 pots, 5 pewter basons, 5 pewter dishes, 10 pewter plates, 4 earthenware plates, 3 pruning hooks, 1 cart and wheels, 2 rawhides, 2 iron wedges, 2 axes, 2 plow hoes, 2 weeding hoes, 1 hilling hoe, 3 pine chests, 2 common tables, 2 bed steds and cords, 1 loom and 3 slays, 2 cotton cords, 1 spinning wheel, 1 tobacco hogshead, 2 cider casks, a quality of bacon, 2 flying pans, being all that the said Woodrough has, and also all my corn. (Book 14:570-71) He has lost 2 pewter plates since 1765! The two records follow on consecutive pages in Deed Book 14:568-9 (deed) 570-71 (mortgage) and are both recorded in the 22 March 1790 term of court. His son, Benjamin Woodrough witnessed the documents and soon thereafter moved to Georgia. (Pension Papers)

George Woodrough, Sr[2] appeared on the land tax records for the last time in 1789 and one feels a sense of sadness, that after all these years of struggle, he has finally lost his land and all of his personal property mortgaged. Even so, he continues on the Personal Property lists of Brunswick Co, so we know he was still living in the area.

Five years pass, and in December 1794, the Brunswick Co. Court ordered two justices to interview Patience, apart from her husband, George Woodrough, in regard to her consent of the above 1789 deed; and the property is again referred to as "fee simple estate of George Woodrough." This was done, and she gave consent to the sale and it was recorded.

Within the same month, Dec 1794, George Woodruff, Sr, being indebted to Edmund Wilkins for the sum of 30 lbs, conveys the P Property. to secure same, and there follows a listing of the exact property as given in the 1790 mortgage. (Book 16:49) A new clerk, Herbert Hill, came into office and spelled the name Woodruff.

This is the last reference that I can find to George Sr[2], and I believe that he died soon after 1795. He did not leave a Will for the simple reason that he did not own anything of consequence. It appears that he was plagued with financial difficulties most of his life. After 1795, the name of George Woodruff Jr, without any distinguishing title, continues in the Brunswick Co records.

At one point, citing from the deeds, Mrs Martha Woodruff Hiden confuses the records of George Sr and his son, George Jr (who later becomes Senr) as though they were one and the same individual (Hiden, p. 9). Here the early tax lists are invaluable because they prove, without a shadow of a doubt, that George Woodrough,Sr and his grown son, George Jr, were both living in Powellton Dist from 1772 - 1795. Geo Sr had a wife Patience while Jr's wife was named Ann.

NOTE: There are many facts about George Sr[2] that remain a mystery. Did he marry twice? I need to know the maiden name of his wife, Patience (or wives). Was she a Wilson or related to them? The Woodruff's of this generation are closely allied to the Wilkins and Wyches living in the same area. I would like to know how Geo Sr obtained his "fee simple estate". Was it an inheritance from his father, or did it come about through the death of his first wife? I need the proof of his additional children.

GEORGE WOODRUFF[2] has 5 known children and several that appear to be. These will not be listed according to age because dates are not known. After a brief sketch of each, I will give the records of Benjamin Woodruff[3] and George Woodruff, Jr[3] in detail.

KNOWN CHILDREN OF GEORGE WOODROUGH, SR[2] & wife, Patience

1. GEORGE WOODRUFF, JUNR[3], believed to be the oldest, was born in Brunswick Co about 1750, a son by virtue of a Senr & Junr and their close association. He appears first in court records in 1772. He died sometime after 1820. He had a wife named Ann. This is our direct line and a more complete record will appear in a separate chapter. (page 35.)

2. WILSON WOODRUFF[3], a known brother of George Jr & Benjamin, appears on the early tax lists of Brunswick Co 1782-82. Soon after he moved to Northampton Co, N.C. just across the southern boarder of Brunswick Co, Va. In 1814 Wilson Woodruff of Northampton Co, N.C. purchased property of George Woodruff Jr (his bro) and returned to Brunswick Co for several years. After 1820 he moved to Williamson Co, Tenn, and appears in the 1830 Federal Census. His age is given between 60-70 years. He has 6 additional males and 2 females in his household. (I have not researched this line.)

3. WILLIAM WOODRUFF[3], of this same age group (too old for the known son of Richard Jr & not in Joel's Will) is believed to be the son of George Sr.[2] He married Mary Shehorn, dau of Wilson Shehorn on 14 Oct 1790 in Greensville Co, Va. (I have not researched this line.)

4. CATEY WOODROOF[3] , probably Catherine, was born in Brunswick Co about 1758. She married Reuben Jackson in Sussex Co, Va. The marriage was witnessed by her bro, Benjamin Woodroof, and Patience Woodroof, who I believe to be her mother. It is recorded that Catey was the dau of George Woodroof of Brunswick Co.

5. JANE WOODROOF[3] was born in Brunswick Co about 1765. She married in Brunswick Co on 8 June 1787 to Benjamin Ivy, surety Buckner Ezell. She was designated as "daughter of George Woodroof."

6. BENJAMIN WOODRUFF[3] was born in Brunswick Co in 1760, a known brother of George Woodruff, Jr and Wilson Woodruff. (Revolutionary War Pension Application WC 6583) He died in Lincoln Co, Tenn, 2 Oct 1836. He married Elizabeth (Rivers) Bass in Greensville Co, Va in 1786, and 2nd, Sarah Gilbert in Lincoln Co, Tenn, in 1825. (A more complete record follows on the next page.)

32 Benj[3], son of Geo Sr[2]

BENJAMIN WOODRUFF[3], son of George Woodroof, Sr[2], was born in Brunswick Co, Va, in 1759-60 and died in Lincoln Co, Tenn, 2 Oct 1786 (Pension application WC 6583 & 35681-160-55)

He married Elizabeth (Rivers) Bass in Greensville Co on 25 May 1876 (Greensville Marriages by Knoor, p.7) Elizabeth was the daughter of William Rivers, and the widow of Henry Bass whom she married in Brunswick Co in 1779. Henry Bass appears in the 1783 personal property taxlist of Greenville Co with 9 white souls in his household and 18 blacks. It is possible that Elizabeth was a second wife. Henry died between 1783-1786. (Elizabeth was not the wife of Benjamin[3], son of Richard Jr[2], as suggested by Hiden, page 5). Elizabeth died prior to 1825, Lincoln Co, Tenn.

Benjamin married, 2nd, Sarah Gilbert, a widow, in Lincoln Co, Tenn on 15 Aug 1825. Sarah died 7 Feb 1865 in Coffee Co, Tenn.

The name of Benjamin Woodruff[3] is first mentioned in the Brunswick Co records as a witness to the marriage of his sister, Catey Woodroof, dau of George Woodroof, that took place in Sussex Co in Aug 1779. Soon thereafter he traveled to Franklin Co, N.C., to visit his brother, Wilson, and while there he enlisted in the army for 3 months term in June 1780. His Revolutionary Pension Application (W C 6583) gives the following information --

He was living in Franklin Co, N.C. when called into service...
borrowed a pistol from his brother Wilson...
was discharged in Nov 1780...
returned to Brunswick Co, Va, where "my father lived"...
He was drafted again for term of 3 months and served under Capt Paul Hartwell & Col Daniel Fisher, and discharged...
Again, returned to Brunswick Co, and "learned that my brother, George Woodruff, who had a family, had gone into the army a few weeks before. He being a young man, without a family, went to the army stationed at Swan's Point & James River, about August 1781, and took the place of his brother. Capt Marshall commanded this Company...
I lived in Virginia until 1790 when I moved to Georgia; moved to Sumner Co, Tenn, in 1807; and to this County (Lincoln) in 1810.

There are several items of importance to be gained. He names his brothers, Wilson and George. It appears that Wilson was living in Franklin Co, N.C. in 1780. His bro, George, was serving in the Revolutionary War from Brunswick Co in Aug 1781, and the father of the three boys was living in Brunswick Co. Their father can be no other than George Woodroof, Senr, born about 1730 and had been a resident of Brunswick Co since 1755. (The three brothers do not qualify for the sons of Richard Jr or Joel Woodruff, both having left Wills and their sons are well documented.).

Following his return from the army, his name first appears on the Personal Property tax lists of Brunswick Co, Va, in 1782, owning 1 horse. In 1783 he owns 2 horses.

He married Elizabeth (Rivers) Bass in Greensville Co, Va, on 25 May 1786, and Benjamin was made the guardian of the two small children of Bass, i.e. Rhoda and Polly Bass. (Equity Book, Lincoln Co, Tenn, 1819-1829). On 23 Apr 1788, Benjamin Woodroof and his wife, Elizabeth, of Brunswick Co, sold 262 acres of land situated in Greensville Co, it being the tract of land conveyed from Hicks to Henry Bass, also, being Elizabeth's dower in the said tract which Elizabeth claimed by the death of her former husband, Henry Bass.

In 1789 Benjamin Woodruff was "surety" for the marriage of William Rivers and Susanna Richardson in Greensville Co, no doubt a relative of his wife. In 1790 Benjamin signed "his mark" as a witness to two documents for his father, George, Senr[2]; and according to his own statement, he soon thereafter moved to Georgia. (Pension Ap.) From there, he moved to ~~Cannon~~ SUMNER Co, Tenn, in 1807, and to Lincoln Co, Tenn, about 1810.

At some point, Elizabeth (Rivers), his wife died and he married, second, Sarah Gilbert in Lincoln Co, Tenn, on 15 August 1825. Sarah, at that time, was a widow with 2 or more children.

Benjamin applied for a pension on 17 Oct 1832, age 72, and received 45.00 annually. He indicated that he had previously received 2 Bounty Land Grants of 40 acres each, which he had disposed of, and did not recall their numbers. (W C 6583) Five years later, 2 Oct 1837, he died in Lincoln Co and his widow,Sarah, applied for her rights (35681-160-55), at which time she gave her age as 63.

Twenty years later, in 1857, Sarah requested that her pension be forwarded to Coffee Co, Tenn, where she was then living with her only son in the town of Tullohoma, Tenn. In 1866 her son, George G Woodruff, gives the information that his mother, Sarah, had died on 7 Feb 1865, and he applied for the"back pension" due her. He gives his age as 47 years (born in 1819), stating that he is the only heir - all others dec'd - and that Sarah has no grandchildren living who are the issue of a dec'd child. He again

swears that he is her only living child, so it appears that George G. Woodruff is Benjamin's step-son, and was about 6 years of age at the time of his 2nd marriage, and assumed the Woodruff name.

At the time of his death, Benjamin owned 143 acres of land, situated in Civil Dist no. 9, on the headwaters of Cane Creek, of which 82 acres became the property of his widow, Sarah. After her her death, in Feb 1865, Elizabeth A Patterson, a citizen of Lincoln Co, and a granddaughter of Benjamin Woodruff, Sr, decd, petitioned the County Court regarding the 82 acres, claimed by his wife, Sarah, as her Dower. Elizabeth states that the defendants are all the heirs of the said Benjamin Woodruff, Sr, and as such are entitled to his lands. It was determined by the Court that the land should be sold and the proceeds divided among the heirs. This was done, and after deducting costs, there remained 459.40 to be divided into 4 child's shares, amounting to 114.84 each.

The above papers may be difficult to find at the Lincoln Co courthouse. They were discovered among a bundle of "loose papers" stored in the basement of the courthouse before renovation in 1973. They are not in a book, and appear to be rough drafts rather than official entries. However, the Lincoln Co Records bear out the marriages shown in these documents. I will be glad to share copies of the 4 pages with others researching the Benjamin Woodruff line. (The notes were contributed by - Charles M Woodruff, 1501 Lafayette St, Shelbyville, TN 37160 -researching John M & Howell S Woodruff, Williamson co, Tenn.)

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN WOODRUFF[3].

1. RHODA BASS, dau of Elizabeth & Henry Bass, born about 1780.

2. POLLY BASS, a step-daughter, born about 1782-4.

3. GEORGE G WOODRUFF, a known son of Sarah, 2nd wife, born in 1819. He was living in Coffee Co, Tenn, in 1866.

4. BENJAMIN WOODRUFF, JR., decd prior to 1865. He has one dau, Matilda who intermarried with Robert McMullin, a resident of this county. Sons, James Wilson Woodruff, Wesley Woodruff and Robert W Woodruff are all dead. (Another paper lists the sons as James, Wilson and Wesley).

5. WYATT W WOODRUFF was decd prior to 1865 and left the following children: W. T Woodruff a resident of Alabama; Benjamin W Woodruff who is a resident of Missouri; Mary, who intermarried with Summerford and is a resident of this county; Nancy B who intermarried with Joel L Cole and died leaving three children - William, Jocie and James who are minors and reside in this county; and William Woodruff who died never having been married; and Elizabeth who intermarried with D. L. (?) Patterson who is dead.

6. WILLIAM WOODRUFF who is dead (1865) and living at the time of his death in the State of Arkansas, leaving the following children: Mary, Elizabeth, William and Benjamin Woodruff who are all yet residents of that State as far as is known to your petitioner.

G E O R G E W O O D R U F F / W O O D R O U G H JR.[3]

GEORGE WOODRUFF, JR[3], sometimes Woodrough, was the son of George Woodroof Sr[2]. He was born in Surry Co, Va, about 1750-52. (residence of his father, court order 1773, taxlists, census,etc). I do not know when he died or where he is buried. (He was living in Brunswick Co according to the P.P. Taxlist 1819, and signed a deed dated March 1820, but thereafter does not appear in any Co record.)

George Woodruff, Jr[3] married Ann ( ) about 1775. (relation to known dates). Ann Woodruff was also living in Brunswick Co in March 1820. (last reference).

The first record of George Woodruff Jr[3] is found in 1773 when the Brunswick Co Court ordered John Swanson and wife, Joyce, to pay George Woodrough Junr. 150 lbs of tobacco for 6 days attendance at Court as witness for them. (Court Order Book 12:151) He was undoubtedly 21 years of age or older, born around 1750.

George Woodruff, Jr[3] served as a soldier in the Revolutionary War. It is recorded that on Tuesday 23 Feb 1779, the County Court of Brunswick paid George Woodroof 1.50 for six days of guard duty in Peter Cook's District. (Order Book 13:251) George Jr served in the regular army from Brunswick Co in 1781--

In an application for a pension, Benjamin Woodruff, living in Lincoln Co, Tenn, in 1832, gave the information that following a term of service in the Revolutionary War, he returned to his father's residence in Brunswick Co, Va, and there learned that his brother George, who had a family, had gone in the Army a few weeks before. He, being a young man without a family, went to the army and took the place of his brother, George, at Swan's Point and James River. Captain Marshall commanded the Company which was attached to the Regiment of Col Richard Elliott. He thinks it was in the month of August 1781 that he took the place of his brother at Swan's Point...From there the Regiment marched to Little York.

On 28 Feburary 1784 in Brunswick Co, Abraham Harding, orphan of Abraham Harding, dec'd, chooses George Woodrough for his guardian. Benjamin Woodrough and Richard Branscom, surety for 200 lbs. (Order Book 14:69) While undesignated by any other title, I believe this refers to George Jr[3] due to the fact that Benjamin Woodrough, a brother, was his surety. (There is a possibility that there is a relationship to the Harding or Branscom family.)

 Geo Jr[3], son of Geo Sr[2]

George Woodrough, Jr[3] appears in the 1782-87 Personal Property Taxlists of Brunswick Co along with his father, George Woodrough Sr[2] and his brother, Benjamin Woodrough[3]. They are grouped together, living in Dist. no. 4, while other relatives -- Richard Jr[2], Joel[2] and their sons are in Dist. no. 6. George Woodrough Sr[2] owned 150 acres of land south of the Meherrin River (present Powellton Dist) but George Jr[3] does not own any land according to the Land Tax records. In 1788 Greensville Co expended and took in the property of Richard[2], Joel[2] and sons; and thereafter George Woodrough, Sr[2] and sons, George Jr[3] and Benjamin[3] are the only Woodrough's living in Brunswick Co. According to Benjamin's application, he moved to Georgia in 1790, and George Sr and George Jr continues until 1795.

As stated previously, the last reference I have to George Sr[2] is a deed of 1794, and the last time he appears in the P P taxlists is also in 1794, so it is quite possible that George Sr died around 1795; or penniless, without either land or property, he was living in the home of his son.

In the 1796 taxlist, GEORGE WOODROUGH JUNR (no Senr recorded) is living adjacent to George Walton with only one male "over 16" in his household. A William Woodrough appears in the records who is perhaps an older son. In 1797-1798 GEORGE WOODROUGH (no title) is listed adjacent to George Walton, so one can be fairly certain that he is the same individual as the George Junr in 1796. He is credited with two males in his household "over 16" (himself & a son).

In the 1799 and 1800 P.P. Taxlists there is again only one George Woodrough, still living next to George Walton, but there are now "three males over 16" in his household (2 sons). In 1802 GEORGE WOODROUGH, SON OF GEORGE, and John Woodrough appear on the taxlist, grouped together with William Woodrough, so I conclude that these are brothers, all sons of George Woodrough, Jr.[3]

In 1801, a cousin, GEORGE (P) WOODROOF[3] a known son of Joel[2] of Greensville Co purchases 101 acres south of Quarrel's Swamp in Meherrin Parish and moves across the county line. I will not go into the record of George P[3] again, since it was thoroughly discussed on pages 18-20 in this book, but it caused considerable confusion for the commissioners, collectors, clerks and census

takers endeavoring to designate the many George Woodruff's that appear in the Brunswick records. Each developed his own private system for keeping them straight. FROM THIS POINT ON, THE FORMER GEORGE WOODROUGH JUNR[3] BECOMES GEORGE WOODROUGH SENR[3] by virtue of the fact that he has a son, George (born 1780) and designated in 1802 & 1803 taxlist as "son of George", and in 1804, and for the remainder of his life, used his middle initial "B" as a means of identification.

1810 FEDERAL CENSUS, BRUNSWICK CO, VA.

p. 764	GEORGE P. WOODROUGH: (son of Joel)	1 male over 45 3 males 10-16 2 males un 10	1 female 26-45 2 females 16-26 3 females un 10
p. 765	GEORGE WOODROUGH SR: (formerly Jr, now Sr)	1 male over 45 2 males 16-26 1 male 10-16	1 female over 45 1 female 16-26 1 female un 10
p. 765	GEORGE B. WOODROUGH: (son of above Geo Sr)	1 male 16-26 1 male un 10	1 female 16-26

Throughout the years 1783-1806, the Land Tax records reveal that George Woodrough Jr[3] (now Sr) did not own any real estate; he was most likely a renter, living on land owned by George Walton, or living on property owned by his wife's family.

In 1807 George Woodrough (Senr, formerly Jr) makes an "agreement with Isham Matthews in which he takes an option on some property with intention to buy. A detailed description of the land is given - "boardered on the east by Brandy Creek which separates the property from that of Ben Wyche, follows along westward mill road, and adjoins the estate of Edward Williams, James and Peter Wyche." (Deed book 21:1) I was able to find "Brandy Creek" on the county map, and the approximate location of this property. The land tax records indicates that it is about 9 miles S.E. of Lawrenceville.

In 1811 George Woodruff (Senr, formerly Jr) completes the 1807 option and received the title for 100 acres more or less (98 acres) from Isham Matthews and wife Mary Baker Matthews. The deed refers to the option and goes into detail concerning the adjoining lands; so there is no question but what it is the same transfer, now completed, and George Woodruff[3] now owns his first land at the age of about 49-50 years. (Deed book 21:253-4)

In 1810 George B Woodruff[4], a known son of present George Sr[3], purchased a tract of 115 acres on Brandy Creek lying next to the

land owned by his father, and for a few years (1810-1813) they live on adjoining farms. George B sold his land in 1813 and the sale deed mentions the fact that his line "followed that of Geo Woodruff, Senr" (Deeds 22:110) The name was spelled both Woodrough and Woodruff in the same document.

The following year, in January 1814, George Woodruff Senr[3] and wife Ann sold to Wilson Woodruff of North Carolina "this same land that George Woodruff Senr received from Isham and Mary Matthews." George B. Woodruff witnesses the transfer.(Book 22:253 & 24:714)

Three things are significant. One, that the man who made the agreement in 1807, and completed the purchase in 1811, is the man who sold the property in 1814. Two, that George Woodrough (1807 & 1811) is designated as George Woodruff Senr (1814).[3] Third, the deed reveals that George Woodruff Senr (formerly Jr[3]) had a wife named Ann.

Six years later, in March 1820, a technically must have arisen since two justices of the Brunswick Court again question Ann Woodruff about this same transfer "apart from her husband George Woodruff Senr." and she relinquishes her "dower rights". (Book 24:494)

Thus we know that George Senr[3] (formerly Junr) and Ann Woodruff, his wife, are living in Brunswick Co in March 1820, but immediately drop out of sight thereafter. George Sr is listed in the 1819 PP taxlist, along with his sons Robert W Woodruff (P.P. 1815-19) and Allen Woodruff (1819 only), but none of them appear in the 1820 list or census. It is hardly feasible to believe that George Sr and Ann both died in 1820, so indications are that they moved out of the county. I know that Robert W. and Allen moved to Williamson Co, Tenn, and was there several years (1820-25).

There is a George Woodruff in the 1820 Census of Brunswick Co but a comparison of the statistics in the census, land and P.P. taxlists,[2] prove that he is definitely George P. Woodruff[3], son of Joel[2], the man owning the 101 acreage on Quarrel's Swamp, with a wife, Frances. (pages 18-23 in this book)

NOTE - I need to know the surname of Ann, wife of George Jr[3]. I would like to know the middle name of George B. Woodruff. The name Allen enters at this point. The Woodruff's are closely allied with the Wyche Family over several generations (not just Richard Jr's family). I have proof that George B, Robert W & Allen are brothers, but I would like to have proof that William (b about 1775) and John (b about 1778) are also sons of George Jr. I would like to know the "final chapter" of the lives of George Jr (now Senr) and his wife, Ann Woodruff.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE WOODRUFF JR[3] (later Sr) & WIFE ANN ( )

George Jr[3] did not leave a Will. I have proof of only 3 of his children. Census & taxlists reveal that he had 6 or more sons and several daughters. I will give a brief sketch of each, then a more complete record for sons, George B & Robert W, and their descendants.

1. WILLIAM WOODROUGH[4] who appears to be a son, was born in Brunswick Co about 1775. He appears on the P.P. taxlist in 1796. He may be the William Woodroof who married Nancy Fogerson, dau of William Forgerson, in Greensville Co, 29 Jan 1796. He does not fit into the children of Richard Jr or Joel Woodruff. He appears in Greensville taxlists 1797-98.

2. JOHN WOODROUGH[4], most likely a son, was born about 1778, appearing in the Brunswick P.P. taxlist in 1801, living near William. He may be the John Woodroof who married Susan Smith in Greensville Co 12 Oct 1801; or the John Woodroof who married Jenny Chambliss in Greensville Co 13 Dec 1801. He does not fit into the families of Richard Jr or Joel Woodroof.

3. GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] born 1780 according to the early taxlists, also, in "Descendants of John Walker of Wigton, Scotland" by Emma Siggins White (1902). He was born in Brunswick Co, Va (residence of his father). George B died in Franklin Co, Mo, Boon twp, in 1863. He married Sally Manning on 30 Mar 1808 in Brunswick Co,Va. Sally was born in 1785, the dau. of Joel and _____ (Phipps) Manning. (Knoor, Deed). George B married, 2nd, Jane (Inman) Ferguson in Madison Co, Al, in 1843. Jane was the widow of Thomas Ferguson with four small children, and was 20 years his junior. George B had six children by each of his wives and 4 step-children. A more complete record follows on page 40 of this book.

4. SARAH WOODRUFF[4] "Sally", a likely dau of George Jr, since she does not fit into the families of Richard Jr or Joel. Sally was born about 1787-88. She married Littleberry S Hartwell in Brunswick Co in 1806. The ceremony was performed by William Dossey, the Baptist minister that also married George B. Woodruff. Later the Hartwell family moved to Madison co, Alabama where George B. was then living.

5. ROBERT W. WOODRUFF[4], a known son of George Jr, was born Aug 1792 in Brunswick Co, Va; died 19 Aug 1873, Rutherford Co, Tenn. Served in the War of 1812. The name of his 1st wife is unknown. He married 2nd, Temperance Willis. A more complete record is found on page 76 of this book.

6. ALLEN WOODRUFF[4], a known son, was born about 1797.[3] He appeared as a "male over 16" in household of his father, Geo Sr[3] (former Jr) in 1814; and on the P.P. list in 1819. He moved first to Williamson Co, Tenn in 1820; in Madison Co, Alabama; and it is believed that he settled in Texas. Several are beginning to research on this line.

There are no doubt other children. (Perhaps Howell S. Woodruff)

GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4], son of George, Jr[3] (Geo Sr[2], Richard[1]) was born in Brunswick Co, Va, Meherrin Dist. in 1780. (residence of his father; Brunswick Co taxlist 1802; 1850 Census Franklin Co, Mo; "Descendants of John Walker of Wigton, Scotland", by Emma Siggins White, 1902.) He died in Franklin Co, Mo, in 1863 (White) and buried in Rommelman cemetery, formerly called Woodruff graveyard, on a part of the original Woodruff homestead in Boon twp. (field stone marker).

George B. Woodruff[4] married Sarah "Sally" Manning in Brunswick Co, on 30 Mar 1808 (Knoor & Fothergill, "Brunswick Co, Va, Marriages") The marriage was witnessed by John Manning, bro of the bride; and John Wyche, surety for bond, most likely a relative.

Sally was born in Brunswick Co about 1785 (residence of her parents); and she died in Madison Co, Alabama, about 1842. She is buried in the "Inman Graveyard" on the foot of Green Mountain, about 3½ miles S.W. of Owens Cross Road. (family homestead burial ground; 1830 & 1840 Census Madison co, Al; George B's 2nd mar.)

Sally was the daughter of Joel Manning and ( ) Phipps. (Deed Book 21:394, Brunswick co). Her mother died when she was an infant, and her father married, second, Mary Owens in January 1786. Sally was the granddaughter of Joseph and Sarah (Williams) Phipps of Brunswick Co and is mentioned in her grandfather's Will of 1809. (Will Book 7:324)

George B. Woodruff married, second, Jane (Inman) Ferguson, the widow of Thomas Ferguson and the mother of four small children, on 12 June 1843. (Madison co, Al, Marriage Book 4:693) Jane, the daughter of John Richie Inman and Jane (Walker) Inman, was born 1 Jan 1817 in Madison Co, and died in Franklin Co, Mo, 17 June 1898, aged 81 years. She is buried in Rommelmann Cemetery, in Boon twp. (gravestone).

George B. Woodruff[4] first appeared in the Personal Property Taxlist of Brunswick Co, Va, in 1802, and was designated as GEORGE WOODRUFF, SON OF GEORGE, to distinguish him from three additional men in the County bearing the same name. Beginning in 1805, and for the remainder of his life, he used his middle initial "B" as a means of identification.

As given above, George B. married Sally Manning in 1808, and Rev. William Dossey, who performed the ceremony was, at that time, serving the Reedy Creek Baptist Church in Brunswick Co, and was described in the Minutes of the Meherrin Association as

"a young man of talents, piety and very amiable manners." (History of the Rise & Progress of the Baptists in Virginia", page 301, by Beale).

In the year following their marriage, George B & Sally (Manning) Woodruff and her half-brother, Caleb Manning, sold to John Manning their shares of the inheritance of their deceased father, Joel Manning. John, the older son of Joel Manning, is recorded as a 'grandson' in the Will of Joseph Phipps. It is a case of one brother buying out the other two heirs. (Deed Book 30:394) In the Will of Joseph Phipps, dated Apr 1809, he left his granddaughter, Sally Manning, a feather bed, furniture and a cow. (Book 7:324)

George B. appears in the 1810 Federal Census of Brunswick Co, Va. Meherrin District -

p. 765	GEORGE B. WOODROUGH	1 male 16-26 1 male un 10	1 female 16-26

In this instance George B's age is underestimated since he was born in 1780 according to Mrs White, and proven to be correct in the taxlists of Brunswick Co and other Census. The son in the household is Joseph Phipps Woodruff[5], born in 1809, and named for Sally's grandfather. (xerox copy of John Manning Woodruff's Bible Record, owned by Alice G Connoley, Salt Lake City, Utah, 1965).

On 20 Dec 1810, John Wyche sold to George B Woodruff 115 acres of land in Brunswick Co, Meherrin Dist, and he is listed in the 1811 land tax record as owning 115 acres. On 12 Jan 1813, George B. and wife, Sally, sold this identical property to James Wyche and the deed states that it was "located on Brandy Creek, adjoining the property of George Woodruff, Senr." (Book 22:110) "Senior", in this instance, is the former George, Jr[3], the father of George B.[4]

In 1814 George B. appears on the PP taxlist in St Andrews District (north of the Meherrin river) owning one slave (Book A: 33). On 18 Feb 1815 he purchased 153 acres from Edward Hall on B. Water joining William Steward, located 9 miles S.E. of the courthouse at Lawrenceville; and three years later sold the property (Book 23:38). In the 1818 P.P. list he appears in the Meherrin Dist, south of the river, and living in the community of Brunswick, owning one slave. (We drove through Brunswick in

the fall of 1963 and it consisted of a large brick consolidated school and a few scattered houses.)

In the 1820 Federal Census of Brunswick Co, Va, we find -

p. 278	GEORGE B. WOODROUGH	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45
		1 male 10-16	3 females un 10
		1 male un 10	

His sons are Joseph Phipps Woodruff[5], born 4 Apr 1809 (John Manning Woodruff's Bible Record) and Benjamin Allen Woodruff, born in 1813, according to the 1850 Census of Franklin co, Mo. I do not know the names of his daughters, except Frances E, born about 1819. George B. continues to appear in the P P taxlists, living in the community of Brunswick and owning one slave, until 1825.

About this time he moved to Madison Co, Alabama, where he joined other families from Brunswick Co -- Allen, Wilkins, Wyche, Eldridge, Manning, Vann, Rivers, Buford, Hobbs, Lee, Richardson, Robinson, etc. He settled on the southern end of Green Mountain, locally known as "Potato Hill" between the Flint and Tennessee Rivers, about 3½ miles S.W. of Owens Cross Road, a few miles to the west of the present Redstone Arsenal.

In 1890 the Huntsville "Independent" ran several articles by Mr. A. Whited of New Hope, on the early settlers of this part of the country, under the heading, "The Tall Timbers". In the issue of 27 June 1890, we find, "In the more central part of the Tall Timbers we had the Clouds, Cooks, Dunns, Wilhelms, Skeltons, Williams, Honeys, Wilsons, Nelsons and Inmans, the descendants of whom are yet living, the celebrated cotton brokers and ship owners of New Orleans and New York." I thought it was a coincidence that Mr Whited would entitle his article "The Tall Timbers" in 1890, and I would select a similiar one for our Family History. Thus, when George B. Woodruff moved to his new home in Alabama, he chose an area among the tall pines, similiar to the one he had left in Virginia.

The Woodruff's settled on "Potato Hill" and further down the mountain lived the Inman's in "Possum Hollow". When we visited the area in 1966 it was still "tall timbers". Standing high above the other trees, at the foot of Green Mountain, are two large pines that could be seen for some distance, and these were able to lead our local guide to the Inman cemetery. The only commercial stones, now standing, are those of John Ritchie Inman and his wife, Jane (Walker) Inman, the parents of the three Inman girls who married into the Woodruff family, and it is also the resting place of Sally (Manning) Woodruff, the first wife of George B. Woodruff[4].

The Woodruff's lived in this area less than twenty years, between 1825-1843,and through the assistance of Mrs Pauline Gandrud (now deceased), a native of Madison Co, and a well known genealogist, I was able to secure every scrap of Woodruff information to be found in the Madison Co records. Over the years, Mrs Gandrud had indexed all of the courthouse records and others, such as Census, cemetery, newspaper items, etc. In addition to these, I had two excellent Family Genealogies regarding the Walker, Inman & Lyle families and, because of their marriage to the Inman girls, the Woodruff's were also included in the books - "Genealogical History of the Descendants of JOHN WALKER of Wigton, Scotland, 1600-1902, by Emma Siggins White, of Kansas City, Mo. I own a copy of this book containing 722 pages. The "LYLE FAMILY" by Oscar K Lyle, of St Louis, Mo, was published in 1912, and it is understood that Mr Lyle spent almost one million dollars collecting his material for the book. He wrote many letters and made several visits to the family in Franklin Co,Mo. I am fortunate to have a xerox copy of the Introductory Chapter, and about 25 pages pertaining to the Inman and Woodruff families.

1830 FEDERAL CENSUS OF MADISON CO, ALABAMA

P. 135	GEORGE B. WOODRUFF	1 male 40-50	1 female 40-50
		1 male 20-30	1 female 15-20
		1 male 15-20	1 female 5-10
			1 female un 5

On 5 May 1831, a year following the census, Joseph P Woodrough[5] (oldest son of George B[4]) married Elizabeth Inman, by John C Grayson, J.P. (certified, Book 3:726). On 17 Oct 1831, Joseph Fipps Woodruff patented land in Sect 26, Madison Co (Land Patents, Madison Co, certified). This is located on the southern edge of Green Mountain, locally called "Potato Hill".

On 22 Nov 1834, George B Woodruff rented some land in Madison Co and gave his brothers, Robert W and Allen Woodruff, for security. It was through this simple, seemingly insignificent document, signed 150 years ago, that we were able to secure the "proof" of this relationship. (certified)

In an earlier record, dated Aug 1827, Robert W Woodruff served as trustee to William Brandon to secure debt to James Brown for slaves. (Deed Book L:222) Between these two dates, 1827-1834, Robert W had moved to Rutherford Co, Tenn, where he appeared in the 1830 Census, along with his brother Allen, and then both returned to Madison Co prior to November 1834. (The record of Robert W. begins on page 76).

On 20 Dec 1836, Benjamin A Woodruff[5], second son of Geo B[4], married Caroline Matilda Inman, by Edward H Vann, Minister of the Gospel (certified, Book 4:122). On 14 Dec 1838, Frances E Woodruff, daughter of George B, married Duncastle S. Buford (E:176).

This was a second marriage for Buford. Frances lived but a few years and died prior to 1843, at which time Buford married for a third time. She left 2 young children

There are two other female marriages that may, or may not, be the daughters of George B Woodruff. On 2 Apr 1835, Lavina Woodruff married John Keeton in Madison Co. This could be the Viney Webster who had previously married Dudley Woodruff in 1824 (Book C:454). Dudley, if you recall, was the son of Henry ^{3}, son of Joel. Mrs Gandrud could find no other references to Dudley, who did not appear in the 1830 Census, and may have died prior to 1835. There is also a marriage for Susanna Woodruff to Burrell Lee on 22 Oct 1836 (Book 4) The only Burrell Lee living in Madison Co was born in 1775 in N.C. In 1836 he would be 61 years of age, whereas, Susannah, if a dau of George B, would be in her early twenties. This is not impossible, and could have given Geo B the idea, a few years later, when he took for a second wife, Jane Inman Ferguson.

1840 FEDERAL CENSUS, MADISON CO, ALABAMA

p. 158	GEORGE B. WOODRUFF	1 male 50-60 1 male un 5	1 female 50-60 1 female 10-15
	BENJAMIN A WOODRUFF	1 male 20-30 1 male un 5	1 female 20-30 1 female 15-20 1 female 5-10 1 female un 5
	JANE FERGUSON	1 male 10-15 2 males 15-20	1 female 20-30 1 female 15-20 1 female 5-10 1 female un 5
p. 159	JOSEPH P WOODRUFF	1 male 30-40 2 males 5-10 1 male un 5	1 female 20-30 1 female 5-10 1 female un 5

Jane (Inman) Ferguson's husband, Thomas, died in 1840 prior to the Census, and her twin sons were born 18 Dec 1840, after the Census. She is living on the homestead of her deceased parents, John and Jane (Walker) Inman, parents of 16 ch. Jane Inman died in 1832, following the birth of her youngest child, and John died in 1837. The two youngest girls in the household are daughters of Jane, but the other children are her orphaned brothers and sisters. Likewise, in the home of Benjamin A Woodruff, the two youngest children are theirs, and the two older girls are orphaned sisters of his wife, Caroline Matilda (Inman). Appearing in the 1840 Census, in the same neighborhood are the families of Manning, Lee and Buford.

According to the History of Alabama there was a typhoid fever epidemic about 1842 and it was about that time that Sally (Manning) Woodruff died, and was buried in the Inman Cemetery, in Possum Hollow, at the foot of Green Mountains. On 12 June 1843, George B. Woodruff married Jane W (Inman) Ferguson, a young widow and the mother of 4 small children. This may have been a marriage of convenience because, about that time, George B and sons, along with her two sisters, were making plans to move to Missouri. I do not know if this bears any relationship upon the move, but in 1843 there was a bank failure in Alabama and, soon after, George B. and his two sons, Joseph Phipps and Benjamin Allen Woodruff, moved to Franklin Co, Missouri. They located in section 10 in the extreme S.W. corner of Franklin Co, Boon twp. All three families had a large number of children, all of double relationships. Little wonder that in years to come it was a common saying, "You can always tell a Woodruff when you see one." In addition to their own families, they brought with them the unmarried brothers and sisters of the Inman girls.

1850 FEDERAL CENSUS, FRANKLIN CO, MO.

no. 421	WOODRUFF,	GEORGE B.	60	farmer	born	Virginia
		Jane	33			Alabama
		Sarah	16			Alabama
		Thomas	10			Alabama
		William H	10			Alabama
		Susan	6			Missouri
		Margaret	3			Missouri
		George W.	1			Missouri

The Census is faded and difficult to read, but here George B's age is recorded as 60, which means that he dropped 10 years due to the age of his wife (or more likely, Jane was the one that gave the information!) The three older children, Sarah, Thomas and William are children of Jane by her first marriage to Thomas Ferguson, who in the 1860 census, and for the remainder of their lives, went under the name of "Woodruff", and were for many years unaware of their true name (Gandrud) The youngest three children are the beginning of his "second" family.

no. 426	WOODRUFF,	JOSEPH P	41	farmer	born	Virginia	
		Elizabeth	35			Alabama	
	Benjamin	18	Al.				
	John	16	Al.		Albert	8	Al.
	Sarah	14	Al.		Julia	6	Mo.
	Frances	12	Al.		Amanda	3	Mo.
	James	10	Al.				

no. 382	WOODRUFF, BENJAMIN A	37	farmer	born Virginia
	Caroline	26 (30)		Alabama
(1850 Census	Martha	12		Alabama
continued)	George	11		Alabama
	Shadrack	8		Alabama
	Joseph	6		Missouri
	Hannah	5		Missouri
	William P.	1		Missouri

In the 1860 Census, George B is still living in Boon twp. and three more children have been added to the family - John A born in 1851, James D born in 1853 and Frances born 1855. Geo B's oldest dau, Frances E, wife of Duncastle S Buford, died about 1843 and it was not uncommon that a 'favorite' name to be given to a younger child. Mrs White gives the information that the three youngest children, Margaret, James and Frances, all died in 1860. Their deaths occurred after the 1860 Census, no doubt from some epidemic that swept through the community. There are three field stones in Rommelmann Cemetery that mark their graves. In the 1860 Census George B's correct age of '80'was given.

George B. Woodruff died in Boon twp in 1862 and is buried in his homestead cemetery, according to Mrs. White. In 1960 I received a letter from Jesse Woodruff of Belle, Mo. with the following quote:

"When I was a boy down around Sullivan, Mo, the Woodruff's were as thick as fiddlers in hades, and I think they were all related. When the first ones started to pass away the people hated to see them go - or they were glad they did go - for they started a cemetery and named it WOODRUFF CEMETERY. It was between Owensville and Bourbon, Mo. and there are a lot og good Woodruff's buried there. I think you have started your record 50 or 60 years too late..."

The Woodruff (or Rommelmann) Cemetery is located in the extreme S.E. corner of Franklin Co, Boon Twp, on the Rommelmann Farm, originally the Woodruff homestead. For years it was an inland cemetery; but about 1960 the county provided a roadway and folks have started burying in the unused portions. It is well fenced and fairly well kept. It is in a beautiful wooded area and when we visited it in the fall of 1965 the countryside in all directions was a riot of color.

In 1891 Jane Woodruff was living near Bourbon, Mo in Crawford Co. when interviewed by Mrs. White. Her gravestone in Rommelman cemetery reads -

JANE INMAN
W O O D R U F F
born Jan. 1, 1817
died June 17, 1898
aged 81 yrs 5 mos 16 das
Erected by John A. Woodruff in
memory of his beloved mother.

There are many field stones marking graves in the immediate area.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] & 1st wife SALLY (MANNING)

(I will list all of the children of George B to show their place in the family. Then I will give a more complete record of his two sons, Joseph Phipps & Benjamin A, following this list.)

I. Joseph Phipps Woodruff[5] was born 4 April 1809 in Brunswick Co, Va; and died 4 April 1863 in Franklin Co, MO. (record on p. 49)

II. A Daughter, b ca. 1811, appears in 1820 Census, not in 1830.

III. Benjamin Allen Woodruff[5] was born in Brunswick Co, Va in 1813; and died in Colorado in 1852. (record on p. 52)

IV. A Daughter born about 1816, appears in 1820 & 1830 Census.

V. Frances E. Woodruff[5] was born about 1819, Brunswick Co, Va. She died prior to 1843 in Madison Co, Al. Frances was the 2nd wife of Duncastle S. Buford, the marriage taking place in Madison Co, 14 Dec 1838. (Book E:176) She had two sons: George W Buford and Peyton Buford.

VI. A Daughter born between 1825-1830 in Madison Co, Al. She was un 5 in 1830 census; between 10-15 in 1840, and does not appear in the household of Geo. B. in 1850.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] & 2nd wife, Jane (INMAN)

VII. Susan J. Woodruff[5] born 1844, married Zachariah F Bacon in 1864. 8 ch: William E, Samuel, Dora, Elizabeth, George, John R, Lena, and Charles Emery Bacon.

VIII. Margaret W. Woodruff[5] born in 1847; died in 1860.

IX. George W. Woodruff[5] born 1848; mar. Susan A Rowland; mar. 2nd Carrie Ann Mitchell. 6 ch: John T b. 17 Oct 1869, bur. Beouff Presbyterian Cemetery; William H, Lester, Ferdinand, and twins that died in infancy.

X. John A. Woodruff[5] was born 1852 in Franklin Co; mar 1876 Julia M Harmon. Millie L, Margaret, Susan B, John E. He mar. 2nd Hattie L. Crow. 5 ch: Bertha O, Ruth E, Ethelyn E, Ross A & Gilbert M Woodruff.
John A. Woodruff and son Ross A. are buried in Crow cemetery on Seminary Rd off Hwy H from Sullivan, Mo. Gilbert M is bur. in Bacon cemetery. In Rommelman Cemetery, Boon twp we find buried in a row next to his mother (Jane Inman Woodruff) the following - Julia M wife of J.A.; Hattie L wife of J.A.; and daus, Margaret J, Susan B, Ruthie E. It was John A Woodruff that erected the gravestone to his mother's memory.

XI. James D. Woodruff[5] born 1853 and died 1860 (White)

XIII. Frances E. Woodruff[5] born in 1855 and named for her dec'd sister. She died in 1860. (White) (cont.)

STEP-CHILDREN OF GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] that went under the name of Woodruff.(Children of Thomas Ferguson who died in Alabama, Madison County, just prior to the 1840 Census, and his wife, Jane (Inman) who became the 2nd wife of George B.)

XIII. Sarah Ann Ferguson was born in 1836 in Madison co, Alabama; died 1874. She married Joseph Rowland, a farmer in Gasconade Co, Mo in 1851. 11 ch: Susan Jane 1852; Joseph 1855; Archibald 1857; Andrew T 1859; James A. 1861; Sarah C 1864; John W 1866; Laura A 1868; Etta V 1870; Mary E 1874 and Martha 1874.

XIV. Nancy Ferguson born 1837, Madison co, Al; died prior to 1850.

XV. Thomas H Ferguson Woodruff (twin) was born in 1840 in Madison co, Alabama after his father had died. He served in the Union Army, Co. I 10th Mo Cav. He died 25 Dec 1914; bur. Crow Cemetery. He married 1st Sarah A Tremmell, dau of William & Catherine. He was a physician at Bourbon, Mo. Ch: William b 1865; George b 14 Mar 1866 & died 21 July 1844; James 1869; Cora B 1871; Nellie 1873; Maud 1875; Walker & Walter, twins, b. 1879.
Thomas H married 2nd, Rhoda Fonn, dau of James & Malinda. Ch: Oscar 1886; Arthur 1888; Claude 1890; Lela 1895. Thomas Woodruff and wife Rhoda are buried in Crow cemetery near Japan, Mo; also several of his children nearby.

XVI. William H Ferguson Woodruff (twin) was born in 1840, Madison Co, Alabama, after the death of his father. He served in the Union Army, Co. I tenth Mo Cavalry. He married Julia Enloe, dau of William & Rebecca, in 1865. He lived at Japan, Mo. Ch: Mary 1866; Herman 1867; John T 1869; Rosa C 1871; William; and Minnie Lee born 1882, buried at Rockhart cemetery.

THIS ENDS OUR RECORD OF GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] and a listing of his Children. We will now continue with a record of his two oldest sons, Joseph Phipps Woodruff on page 49, and Benjamin Allen Woodruff on page 52 of this book.

CHILDREN OF GEORGE B. WOODRUFF[4] & 1st wife SALLY (MANNING)

I. Joseph Phipps Woodruff[5] was born 4 April 1809 (John Manning Woodruff Bible Record) in Brunswick Co, Va. (residence of his father; 1850 Census Franklin Co, Mo) He died 4 April 1863 on his birthday. His gravestone, in the s.w. corner of Rommelman Cemetery, Franklin Co reads, "aged 54 years". Joseph Woodrough married Elizabeth W. Inman on 5 May 1831 in Madison Co, Al (Book 3: 726). Elizabeth was born 16 Jan 1815 (Bible & Census) in Madison Co, Al, the daughter of John Ritchie Inman and wife, Jane Patterson (Walker) Inman. Elizabeth married, 2nd, William Heathcock in 1867 (White). There is a gravestone for Elizabeth Heathcock near that of Joseph P but I failed to copy the inscription.

A few months after marriage Joseph Phipps Woodruff took out a land patent in Madison Co on 17 Oct 1831. The location was in twp 5, range 1, section 26 (certified). They sold their property and moved to Franklin Co, Mo, Boon twp, in 1843. He appears in the 1850 Census of Franklin Co, household no 426, near his father, George B Woodruff and his brother Benjamin A. (see p. 45). He was Post Master of Boon Rural Route during the years 1854-1855. Joseph Phipps Woodruff had nine children; there were none by his wife's second marriage.

1. Benjamin Walker Woodruff[6], oldest child of Joseph P[5],(Geo B.[4]) was born 20 Jan 1832 in Madison Co, Al. He died 1883-4. He married Catherine M. Enloe. 7 children -

(1) Sarah M. Woodruff[7] was born & died 1856.
(2) Mary Woodruff was born 1858.
(3) Elizabeth Woodruff b. 1859; m. William Saunders 1874.
(4) James H. Woodruff b. 1860.
(5) Charles E. Woodruff b. 14 May 1866. He served in the Confederate army. He married Catherine Beihl in 1890. Catherine d. 21 July 1944, bur. Crow Cem. near Japan. (This is the line of Capt. Charles H. Ockrassa, 377 Western Ave, Radcliff, Ky. 40160).
(6) Tillie C. Woodruff b. 1869; m. 1888 Samuel Bacon.
(7) Dora I. Woodruff b. 1871; m. 1889 Thomas Lockhart.

2. John Manning Woodruff[6], second son of Joseph P[5], was born 8 Oct 1833 in Madison Co, Al. He married Sarah E. Armstrong 12 Oct 1854. Sarah was born 15 Mar 1832, Franklin Co, Mo. This is the couple that started the Woodruff Family Bible Record (Bible dated 1854) at the time of their marriage. At the beginning of the record he included the birth dates of his parents, Joseph P & Elizabeth Inman. The Bible was owned by

Claude Woodruff, of St James, Mo, who allowed me to xerox the Bible Record; later he gave the Bible to a relative, Alice Connoley % Hot Shoppes, 4835 S. Highland Dr, Salt Lake City, Utah 84117. (1967) I understand that Alice is dec'd. There is a large double stone in the center of Rommelman Cem. On one side, JOHN M. and the remainder is illegible. The other side reads, "S. E. wife of J. M. Woodruff, b 15 Mar 1832, d. 2 Jan 1898. 8 children -

(1) Thomas Perriman Byrd Woodruff,[7] called "Byrd", was b. 4 Aug 1855 at Crawford co, Mo; married 1st, Lou Eldridge on 12 Dec 1877. Lou b 18 Feb 1856. 1 son, Tommy Woodruff who b. & d. 2 Oct 1878. Lou died a few days later on Oct 12th. In the 1880 Census of Gasconade Co Byrd is living in the home of his cousin, Shadrack Woodruff. He married, 2nd, Tilitha Melton, dau. of Jesse H & Nancy Clementine (Erskine) Melton. Tilitha b. 1855. 5 children - Frank 1882; Newton P 1884; Jesse 1887 (the Jesse of Belle, Mo, that was so helpful to me); Harvey 1894 & Daniel 1896.

(2) James Marion Woodruff[7] b. 19 Jan 1857; died 1930, bur. Bacon cemetery. He married Sarah E Lee on 15 Apr 1877. Sarah was b. 21 Sept 1859. James Marion m. 2nd, Mary Palmer on 29 Mar 1891. Gravestones of James M & Mary E. are in Bacon Cemetery near Argo, Mo. 6 children: Minnie b 1878; Newton 1880; Mary 1882; James Marion 1887; Jesse 1892; Etna A. 1894. Minnie, Newton & Mary died young, the 3 small graves are enclosed in a single plot in the s.w. corner of Rommelmann Cemetery.

(3) Mary E. Woodruff[7] was born 18 Jan 1859; m. ( ) Mitchell. She died 1932.

(4) A boy unnamed, b & d on 23 Feb 1861.

(5) Sarah Minerva Woodruff[7] was born 2 Mar 1862; died Mar 1932, bur. Rommelmann Cemetery. She married John F Mitchell on 20 Sept 1882.

(6) John J. Woodruff[7] was born 5 Oct 1866 & d. 24 Feb 1941. He mar. Fannie E. Nicks on 29 May 1887. 3 ch - Claud b. 1890; Maud b 1891 and Annie E born 1896. Claude died in St James, Mo, in 1964 and was, for many years, the owner of the Woodruff Bible. He gave the Bible to Alice Connoley who was the dau of the above Maud Woodruff. Claud had only one child, Melvin Edward Woodruff, who in turn had two sons, Melvin Edward Woodruff, Jr b. 31 Dec 1951 and Harvey Lee Woodruff b 28 July 1958.

(7) Cleminia A. Woodruff[7] b. 28 Feb 1868; d. 3 Apr 1951, bur. Bacon Cem. Mar. Titus C. Rector 15 Aug 1888.

(8) William Harvey Woodruff[7] was born 28 Dec 1871; died 27 Feb 1947. He married Emma L. Havener on 4 Oct 1891. (Concludes desc. of John Manning Woodruff)

3. Sarah J. Woodruff[6], dau of Joseph P[5], was born 26 July 1835 in Madison Co, Al; mar. 23 Dec 1852 John T. Williams in Franklin Co, Mo. John T was the son of Joseph Williams.

4. Frances E. Woodruff[6] was born 17 May 1840 in Madison Co,Al; d. 26 June 1859. Married Lewis Warren in 1858. 1 child.

5. James A. Woodruff[6] was born 17 May 1840, Madison Co, Al; died 1923, bur. IOOF Cemetery, Sullivan, Mo. Married in 1867 Kate Renick, dau of William & Julia (Enloe) Renick. Kate born 1840 & d. 1915. James A. served in the Union army. They lived in Bullivan, Mo. 4 ch: Clara b. 1869; Julia A. b. 1872-1960; Benjamin T. b. 1876-1940; Ella M. 1878-1961.

6. Albert H. Woodruff[6] born 26 Jan 1843 in Madison Co, Al. He mar. 1867 Matilda Carter, dau of George C & Margaret Ann (Coblett) Carter. 11 ch - J. Edward 1868; William 1870; Martha Ann 1873; Samuel Alex 1875; Harry 1878;Walter Smith b. 16 July 1800,d. 1 Jan 1935, bur. Crow cemetery; Georgia Henrietta b. 1882; Sophia 1886; Maud 1888; Susie 1890 and "Criss" b. 1892.

7. Julia Ann Woodruff[6] b. 12 Feb 1845 in Franklin Co, Mo;died 1863.

8. Amanda Woodruff[6] born 2 Apr 1848, Franklin Co, Mo; mar. 1866 John L. McCune. 4 ch -

(1) Fannie McCune[7] m. Alfred Rector. (This is the line of Bill Goettling, 1500 Shelby, Higginsville, Mo. 64037.)
(2) Nancy J. McCune b. 1872.
(3) Laura McCune b. 1876, mar. a Mr. Dill & owned land on present site of Merimac Caverns (family leased land to the Government).
(4) Elbert McCune[7] born 1879.

9. Henrietta Woodruff[6] was b. Franklin Co, Mo, 18 Sept 1851; d. Alva, Okla, 7 Oct 1928. Married William H. Wyatt on 28 Aug 1 69. William died in 1927. Moved to Kans in 1882; to southern part of Woods Co, Okla, about 1900, and to Alva in 1912. 2 children -

(1) Frank Seymour Wyatt[7] b. 1870 & d. 1926. 3 children - Frank Wyatt of Alva; Mrs James Herod, Shawnee; and William Wyatt, principal of Alva High School in 1928.

(2) Susie Cora Wyatt b. 1873 & d. 1935. Married Robert S. Armour (1863-1957). 5 children -

Margaret Frances Armour b. 1893; m. ( ) Brannon.
Mabel Henrietta Armour b. 1895; m. H. O. Wilson.
Robert Wyatt Armour b. 1898
JanEva Susie Armour b. 1907; mar. Carroll C. Deal (1903-1964). 2 ch: Carroll Thane Deal b. 1929; & Suzanne Day Deal b. 1941; married Lawrence Emmett Sellers - 2 ch. Scott Mason b. 1967 & Carolyn Sue b. 1971.

(This is the line of Suzanne Sellers, 2428 W. Tenth, Dallas, Texas 75211)

Louella Ida Armour, 5th child of of Susie Cora Wyatt[7] & Robert S. Armour, was born 1910, living Alva, 1928.

II. Benjamin Allen Woodruff[5], son of Geo B[4] and his 1st wife, Sally (Manning) Woodruff, was born in Brunswick Co, Va, in 1813 (residence of his father; 1820-30-40-50 census; White). He died in 1852 according to Mrs White but there remains a mystery concerning his death (family tradition).

Benjamin A. Woodruff married Caroline Matilda Inman on 20 Dec 1836 in Madison Co, Alabama (certified, Book 4:122).

Caroline Matilda was born in 1820 in Madison Co, Alabama, and died in 1890 (White). I do not know where she is buried, her last known residence was in Gasconade Co, Canaan twp. She was the dau of John Ritchie Inman and his wife Jane Patterson (Walker) Inman. Caroline Matilda married, 2nd, John Jump, the husband of her deceased sister, Sally Inman.

Benjamin A. Woodruff lived his childhood in Brunswick Co, Va. When he was about 12 years of age he moved, with his parents, to Madison Co, Alabama on the southern tip of Greene Mountain, about 3½ miles s.w. of present Owens Cross Roads. The Woodruff farm was situated between the Tennessee and Flint rivers. The valley land was rich; so we could safely say that he spent his youth farming, hunting and fishing. Living nearby was the John R. Inman family with a large number of girls, so his life was not without excitement.

He married in 1836 and appears in the 1840 Census thus -

p. 158	BENJAMIN A. WOODRUFF	1 male 20-30	1 female 20-30
		1 male un 5	1 female 10-15
			1 female 5-10
			1 female un 5

At this time Caroline Matilda is twenty years of age. The two oldest girls in the household are her orphaned sisters; the two youngest children are her own. Benjamin's father, George B., and his brother, Joseph P. are living nearby.

In 1843 the three families moved to Franklin Co, Mo, and settled in Boon twp.

1850 FEDERAL CENSUS, FRANKLIN CO, MO.

no. 382	WOODRUFF, BENJAMIN A.	37	farmer	b. Virginia
	Caroline	26	(actually 30)	Alabama
	Martha	12		Alabama
	George	11		Alabama
	Shadrack	8		Alabama
	Joseph	6		Missouri
	Hannah	5		Missouri
	William P.	1		Missouri

The tradition has come down through several branches of this family that "grandfather went to the gold fields and never returned." I had assumed this to be California, but Esther Senn, granddaughter of Joseph M Woodruff[6] writes that the gold strike was in Colorado. So it would appear that Benjamin A. left soon after the 1850 Census, and died in Colorado in 1852 (White).

1860 Federal Census of Franklin Co, Mo.
Boon Township

no. 419	M. WOODRUFF	37	Real Estate	b.	Alabama
	S. W. (Shadrack)	19	600.00		Alabama
	J. M. (Joseph)	16			Missouri
	H. E. (Hannah)	14			Missouri
	W. P. (Wm Pinkerton)	11			Missouri
	B. F. (Benj Franklin)	10			Missouri

Caroline Matilda is here listed as M. Woodruff, apparently a widow, owning some property. She married, 2nd, John Jump, the former husband of her deceased sister, Sarah Inman. No children of second marriage.

1880 Census Gasconade Co, Mo.
Canaan township

					father	mother
no. 98	JOHN JUMP	55	b.	Mo	Tenn	not known
	Matildy	60	..	Al	Tenn	Tenn
	William	17	(John's son)	Mo	Mo	Al
	Matildy	8	(granddau)	Mo	Mo	Al
	Matty	6	(granddau	Mo	Mo	Al

The granddaughters in the household are the older children of Benjamin Franklin Woodruff, Matilda's youngest son. According to Mrs. White, Caroline Matilda Jump died in 1890. I do not know where she is buried.

I will list the children briefly - then in the next section I will give individual records of each, so far as known -

1. Martha C. Woodruff[6] b. 1837, Madison co, Al.
2. George W. Woodruff b 1839 Madison Co, Al; d. Franklin Co, 1909.
3. Shadrack W. Woodruff b. 17 May 1841, Madison co; d. 1900.
4. Joseph M. Woodruff b. 10 June 1844 Franklin co; d. 1910
5. Hannah Woodruff b. 1847 Franklin co, Mo; d. 1886.
6. William Pinkerton Woodruff b. 7 May 1849; d. 1890
7. Benjamin Franklin Woodruff b. Franklin co, Mo, in 1850

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN ALLEN WOODRUFF[5] & wife CAROLINE M. (INMAN)

1. Martha C. Woodruff[6] was born 1837 in Madison Co, Al; married William C. Jones, son of John R & Martha (Reed) Jones. The family lived in Franklin Co. (no additional record)

(1) Eliza Ann Jones[7] was born 1858; married 1875 William W. King, b. 1856, son of Louis Wilson & Rosanna (Maples) King; farmer, Franks, Mo. 9 ch: Josephine, Frank, Houston, Claud, Myrtle, Mattie, John, Pryor & Emma.

(2) Minerva Jones[7] b. 1861; married 1882 Charles P. Lacy, son of James & Caroline (Luster) Lacy. Farmer, Clearsville, Mo. 3 ch: Horace, Clara C, & Maggie May.

(3) William Joseph Jones[7] b. 1865; married 1890 Mary Elizabeth Wright, born 1872 the dau. of Franklin & Mary (Johnson) Wright. 3 ch: Flora Bell, Edward Joseph and Katie.

(4) John A. Jones[7] b. 1867; married 1892 Isabel Prennet, b. 1876, dau. of Clark & Sarah Jane (Palmer) Prennett. Farmer, Franks, Mo. 2 ch: Charles & Floyd.

(5) Hannah Jones[7] b. 1871; married 1889 William Trinnel, b. 1862, son of John & Samantha (Hedrick) Trinnell. Farmer, Franks, Mo. 3 ch: Ralph, Amanda, Roy

(6) James R. Jones[7] b. 1869; married 1892 Mary Bayon, b. 1874, dau of Thomas & Cynthia (Britton) Bayon. 2 ch: Mary and Irl.

(7) Emma Jones[7] b. 1874; married 1893 Robert Darnell, b. 1863. She died 1864. no children.

(8) Sophia M Jones[7] b. 1876; married 1895 Isom Crain, b. 1868, son of Isom & Julia (Hance) Crain. Lived in Franks, Mo. 1 child: Bertha B. Crain.

(9) Benjamin Jones[7] b. 1878.

(10) Maggie Jones[7] b. 1880.

2. George W. Woodruff[6] b. 1839 Madison Co. Al; married 1866 Augusta Henneman, dau. of George H & Gertrude (Vieman). Lived in Oak Hill, Mo. Big double stone in the center of Rommelmann Cemetery, Boon twp. that reads: George W. Woodruff d. 25 Aug 1909, aged 70 yrs 2 mo 13 das. Augusta, wife of G. W. Woodruff, d. 9 Sept 1918 aged 72 yrs 8 mo 27 das. They had 1 child:

(1) Henry Woodruff b. 1866; married Clemma Underwood, dau of James Underwood & Eliza (Green). Farmer, Oak Hill, Mo. Henry is buried in Bacon Cemetery near Argo, Mo. died 1939. In Rommelman Cemetery we find: Clema, wife of H. A. Woodruff, b. 28 Oct 1869; d. 29 July 1905. Infant son of Henry A. & Clema Woodruff b. & died 1 Aug 1892. 2 daus: Onna F. 1889 & Alta.

3. Shadrack W. Woodruff[6] was born 17 May 1841, Madison Co, Al; died 10 Feb 1900, buried New Salem Cemetery, near Owensville, Mo, just to right side of the gate. He served in the Union Army. He married 1862, Mary E. Howard, dau of Dr. J D & Helen (Means) Howard, Swinton, Ark. He was living in Gasconade Co, Mo, in the 1870 Census; moved to Ark where Helen died in 1899. Shadrack returned to Gasconade Co for a visit, became ill, and died. He had 9 children -

(1) William E. Woodruff[7] born 2 June 1863, Gasconade Co, Mo; died Hawthorn, Calif, about 1935. He married Martha Luster of Cleaveville, Mo, in 1887, the dau of Marion Luster and Jane (Walters). no children.

(2) Sedoran Woodruff b. 1867; died 1869, buried New Salem Cemetery in Owensville, Mo. Later his father was buried beside him.

(3) Fannie C. Woodruff[7] was born 23 Feb 1869, Gasconade Co, Mo; died about 1905, buried Grubes, Ark. She married William B. Vaughn, b. 1864, son of William R & ( ) Leach Vaughn. no children.

(4) Orelia Woodruff[7] born 23 July 1873; married 1894 to Samuel W. White, b. 1866, son of Andrew W & Elizabeth (Craw) White. Farmer in Swinton, Ark. 1 child: William E. White born 1896.

(5) Sidney F. Woodruff[7] born 8 Aug 1871; died 29 Nov 1911, buried Grubes, Ark. He married 1893 Ollia Turner, born 1873, the dau of Luther & Mary S. (Hamilton) Turner. Farmer in Swinton, Ark. 9 children -

A. Willie Woodruff[8] b. Sept 1894; d. 11 Apr 1910

B. Rosa Pearl Woodruff[8] b. 28 Jan 1896; married Al Clark 8 Jan 1916. Ch: Earl Clark, Roy Clark, Ralph Raymore Clark, Rachel Clark, Eliza Louise Clark, Alta Mae Clark, Cloise Roy Clark & Norma Jean Clark.

C. Shadrack B. Woodruff[8] born 28 Dec 1897.

D. Lonie Huston Woodruff[8] born 4 Nov 1900; d. 6 Oct 1961.

E. Johnie F. Woodruff[8] born 3 Dec 1902

F. Joe Woodruff[8] born 29 July 1904

G. Vivian Woodruff[8] born 11 Oct 1906; mar. Hopkins.

H. Norman Woodruff[8] born 28 Oct 1908.

I. Dewitt Clinton Woodruff b. 1910; died 1911.

(6) Lue Emma Woodruff[7] born 27 Oct 1876; died about 1905-1906. Married Oscar Turner, son of Luther & Mary S. (Hamilton) Turner. 6 children: Charley Turner, Mary Turner, Fannie(?) Turner, Tennie Turner, Berdie Turner & Cecil Turner. The Turner children are double cousins to the children of Sidney F. Woodruff (above)

(7) Walter Andrew Woodruff[7], seventh child of Shadrack W. Woodruff[6], was born 26 Apr 1878; d. Englewood, Calif, in Aug 1934; married Mary Gault.

(8) Charles Logan Woodruff b. 16 Nov 1884; died somewhere in Indiana in 1937-38. Married Ella Willard of Cleavesville, MO, whose mother was a Luster.

(9) Oscar Benjamin Woodruff[7] born 28 Jan 1884; married Mary Gilson. Living in 1966 at 13921 Hawthorne Blvd, Apt A., Hawthorne, Calif. 5 children -

Clarence Earl Woodruff b 3 May 1912
Robert Clinton Woodruff b. 27 Sept 1915
William Lee Woodruff b. 19 Sept 1923
Walter Andrew Woodruff b. 12 May 1926
Raymond Benjamin Woodruff b. 9 Oct 1929

4. Joseph M. Woodruff[6] b. 10 June 1844, Franklin Co, Mo; died 13 Dec 1910, bur. Valley View cemetery, Ordway, Colo. He served in the Union Army. He married 1868 Mary Ann (Mollie) Harris, dau. of Samuel & Ann A. (Brady) Harris. Mollie was b. 1 Jan 1843 & d. 20 July 1920, bur. Valley View cemetery. Family moved to Wetmore, Colo. Family tradition says that they buried 3 children on the covered wagon trip from Missouri to Colorado. There is ample space for a couple of children between the first born in 1868 and the second child born 1875. (Letter from Esther Senn, I believe, of Ordway, Colo). Joseph M. Woodruff served as Sheriff of Crowley Co. for several terms.

(1) Clark Woodruff[7] b. 1868.

(2) Wiley J. Woodruff[7] b. 23 Apr 1875; died 1 Dec 1933, bur. Ordway, Colo. Married Kate ( ), b. 12 Feb 1878 & died 1948. 4 children -

Clifford Woodruff has a son, James Wiley Woodruff
Dan Woodruff living in Los Animos, Colo, (ca. 1968)
Esther (Woodruff) Senn has 2 daus, Cathey Mary & Lenore Ruth. Also, 2 foster daus, Barbara & Rita Steinmetz.
Sidney Woodruff in Walter Reed Hospital, Wash. D.C.

(3) Samuel Woodruff[7] b. 1875. Married Mary Breece b. 21 Nov 1881, Del Norte, Colo. 4 children -

Elizabeth Poulson, Del Norte, Colo. She has a dau, Mrs. Norman Heckaman, Box 581, Del Norte, Colo (1968)
Myra Scott living in Sacramento, Colo.
George Woodruff of Stockton, Calif.
Charles Woodruff of Seattle, Washington.

(4) Stella Woodruff[7] b. 1878.

(5) Nora Frances Woodruff b. 1881; married William M. Walker, Ordway, Colo. 5 children -

Gladys Walker O'Neill, Escondido, Calif.
Mrs. Mickey ( ), Charleston, S. C.
Mrs. Jean Cox, Oceanside, Calif.
William L. Walker, Lincoln, Nebr.
Thomas W. Walker, Glen Gardner, New Jersey

5. Hannah Woodruff[6], dau. of Benj. A. Woodruff[5], was born in 1847, Franklin Co, Mo.; d. 1886. She married Wiley Luster in 1870, son of Edward & Nancy (Jones) Luster. Physician, Mulhall, Okla. 5 ch-

(1) Fanny Luster[7] b. 1871; married 1887 Ryney Winsel, farmer, Cleavesville, Mo. Ryney b. 1858, son of Ernfried Winsel & Amelia (Summers) Winsel. 4 children -
Myrtle J b. 1888; Clyde A. b. 1890; Clifford b. & d. 1892; Lester Winsel b. 1893.

(2) Rosa Luster[7] b. 1874; married 1890 Henry A. Owen, farmer, Mulhall, Okla. Henry b. 1870, son of Noah Owen & Lucy (Corbin) Owen. 2 children -
Noah L Owen b. 1892 & Madison Owen b. 1893.

(3) Walter Luster[7] b. 1876; d. 1890.
(4) Wade Luster b. 1894.
(5) Nellie Luster b. 1883.

6. William Pinkerton Woodruff[6], son of Benj A Woodruff[5], b. 7 May 1849, Franklin Co, Mo; died 23 Apr 1890, bur. New Salem Cemetery near Owensville. He married 25 May 1873 to Martha Emeline Melton in Gasconade Co, Mo. Martha b. 9 Apr 1851 in McMinn Co, Tenn, & d. 22 Feb 1893, bur. New Salem. She was dau. of Jesse Horn Melton & Nancy Clementine (Erskine) Melton. 10 children -
Josephine 1874; Kenneth Arthur 1876; William Pierce 1877; John Jackson 1878; Jesse Garrett 1880; Benjamin Walker 1883; Cora Esther 1885; Robert L 1886; Strawd Frasden 1888.
(This is given briefly to show his place in the family. A MORE COMPLETE RECORD WILL BE GIVEN IN NEXT SECTION, p. 58)

7. Benjamin Franklin Woodruff[6], son of Benj. A. Woodruff[5], was b. in Franklin Co, Mo, in 1850. Married 1st, Fannie Stone, b. 1869, the dau. of James & Charlotte (Bailey) Stone. Two daughters. Benj. married 2nd, Minerva King b. 1878, dau of Samuel & Elizabeth (Beck) King. 8 ch. by 2nd marriage. Moved to Swinton, Ark, where closely associated with family of bro, Shadrack W. Woodruff.

(1) Matilda C. Woodruff[7] b. 1872. She married 1895, Columbus C. Byrd, farmer, Grubbs, Ark. Columbus b. 1875, son of Jeptha Byrd & Harriet P. (Triplett) Byrd. 2 daus -
Pearl b. 1896 & Celestine Byrd Phillips.

(2) Mattie L Woodruff[7] b. 1874. She married Alonzo A Byrd, b. 1868, son of Jeptha & Harriet P Byrd. Swinton. 3 ch -
Ethel B 1892; Ray b. 1894; Lillian b. 11 Sept 1900.
(Line of Mrs Lillian Coffman, 10425 S. LaCrosse, Houston, Texas 77029) (1967)

(3) Darius Woodruff[7] b. 1879, son of 2nd marriage.
(4) Shadrack H. Woodruff b. 1881
(5) Maud E. Woodruff b. 1883
(6) Minnie Woodruff b. 1884.
(7) Grover C. Woodruff b. & d. 1889
(8) Myrtle M. Woodruff (twin) b. 1890
(9) Claudie B. Woodruff (twin) b. 1890
(10) George S. Woodruff b. 1893

(MORE COMPLETE RECORD OF WM P WOODRUFF[6] (above) BEGINS ON p. 58)

William Pinkerton Woodruff[6], son of Benjamin Allen Woodruff[5] (George B, George Jr, George Sr & Richard Woodroof) was born 7 May 1849 in Franklin Co, Missouri. He died 23 April 1890 and is buried in New Salem Cemetery, near Owensville, Mo. (gravestone; Federal Census of Franklin & Gasconade Cos 1850-1880).

William P. married Martha Emeline Melton in Gasconade Co, Mo, 25 May 1873 (certified). Martha Emeline was born in McMinn Co, Tenn, 9 April 1851 and died 22 Feb 1893, buried in New Salem Cemetery. (residence of her parents; 1850 Federal Census McMinn Co, Tenn; 1860-1880 Census Gasconade Co.). She was the daughter of Jesse Horn Melton and his wife, Nancy Clementine (Erskine) Melton.

"Pinkerton" is a family name that comes through the Manning family of Norfolk, Virginia. The grandmother of Sally Manning, wife of George B Woodruff, was a Pinkerton. At the time of William's birth in 1849, a Joseph Pinkerton family was living nearby in Franklin Co (1850 Census) and was recognized as a "distant cousin". The name was given, no doubt, to preserve the relationship.

As a young man William P. moved over the line into Gasconade County and we find him in the 1870 Federal Census of Gasconade Co. living in the household of his older brother.

Canaan twp.	WOODRUFF,	SHADRACK	23	farmer	b. Alabama
		Mary	27		Penna.
		William	7		Missouri
		Frances	1		Missouri
		William	23	farm-laborer	Missouri

The name "Shadrack" comes down through the Inman line. When I first started the family record, one of the facts that John and Garrett Woodruff recalled was "We had an Uncle Shade."

William P. married in 1873 and they lived on the Lanenberg farm located on Springfield Road near the Melton homestead, in the small community known as Charlotte, Mo. Their two older children, Josephine and Arthur, were born there. The family then moved to the Helkebraumer Farm where some of the children were born. Again, they moved to their own property on the outskirts of Owensville, which was to be known as the Woodruff Farm.

1880 FECERAL CENSUS OF GASCONADE CO, MO.

Canaan twp.	June 1					father	mother
	WOODRUFF,	WILLIAM	31	farmer	Mo	Al	Al
		Martha	29		Mo	Tenn	S.C.
		Josephine	6		Mo	Mo	Mo
		Arthur	4		Mo	Mo	Mo
		William	3		Mo	Mo	Mo
		John	2		Mo	Mo	Mo
		Gerhard	1/12		Mo	Mo	Mo

I believe the above information was given by Martha, who knew the birthplaces of her parents, but did not know the birthplaces of her husband's parents. In the 1850 Census, Benjamin A Woodruff gave his place of birth as "Virginia" and his wife in Alabama.

Living within the same household we find Francis Micka, his wife Mary, and two small daughters. Francis was 38 years of age, born in Prussia, and was working as a "day laborer" on the Woodruff farm. I have in my family file, two large charcoal portraits of William P and Martha E. Woodruff, a very handsome couple. These were given to me by Melva Esther Chapman, a granddaughter. I have had reprints made to share with family members.

William Pinkerton Woodruff[6] died 29 April 1890, a young man, at the age of 41 years, 11 mos 29 das. Three years later his wife, Martha Emeline, died at the age of 42 years. They left eight orphan children between the ages of 5 and 19 years of age that were raised by farm families throughout the community. However, throughout their lives they kept in close contact with one another and was a loving, caring family. John Boston, a neighbor, was executor of the Woodruff estate.

CHILDREN OF WILLIAM PINKERTON WOODRUFF[6] and his wife MARTHA EMELINE (MELTON) WOODRUFF -

(1) Josephina Woodruff[7] was born near Owensville, Mo, 7 August 1874, and died at her home on Route One on 3 July 1940, buried in New Salem Cemetery. She married Alonzo Aytes in Gasconade Co, on 22 April 1895. Alonzo was born near Knoxville, Tenn, 5 Nov 1866, the son of Hiram Aytes and Mary Jane(Vandegriffe). He died at his home near Owensville, 28 Oct 1935; buried New Salem cemetery. My husband, Rev. Howard W. Woodruff, serving the Methodist Church at Belle, Mo, had a part on his Memorial Service. They were members of the New Salem Baptist Church. Josie was ninteen years of age when her mother died and she lived with her grandmother, Nancy Clementine (Erskine) Melton, who died the following year. Alonzo and Josie lived for two years at Henrietta, Mo, where other members of the Woodruff family were then living. About 1908 they returned to Owensville and lived on the Woodruff farm. They were the parents of 14 children -

A. Elec Logan Aytes[3] b. 16 Feb 1896 and died 28 Nov 1918 at discharge headquarters in N.Y. with influenza. He served in World War I. He is buried in New Salem Cemetery

B. Gertrude May Aytes[8] was born near Charlotte, Mo, on 22 August 1897. She died 21 April 1926 in Owensville, Mo; bur. New Salem Cemetery. She attended the State Teachers College at Cape Girardeau, Mo. She spent 10 years in her chosen life work, the last 4 years being in the Taylor Dist. no. 54, south of Owensville. She was a member of the New Salem Baptist Church.

C. Minnie E. Aytes[8] was born 9 Nov 1893, near Owensville, Mo, and died 2 Feb 1944 at the age of 45 years. She married William H. Stack, of St Louis, Mo, On 23 April 1923. They made their home at Decatur, Illinois, and from there moved to Phoenix, Arizona. No children were born to this union. She was a member of the Euclid Baptist Church of St Louis, also, the American Legion Auxillary, Phoenix, Arizona. She is buried in the Owensville City Cemetery.

D. Jesse Lee Aytes[8] was born 9 June 1900 near Owensville, Mo. He died 16 Dec 1977 in Owensville and buried at the Owensville City Cemetery. He was a retired truck driver for Clay Companies and Brinkmann Transfer. He was a member of the Zion United Methodist Church in Owensville. On 12 Sept 1925, he married Oma E. Krause. He left two sons, Donald Aytes of St Louis and Melvin Aytes of Lee's Summit, and 5 grandchildren.

E. Leona E. Aytes was born 21 July 1902, Owensville, Mo; and died in St Louis, Mo, 18 March 1983, age 81 years. She married Daniel H. Birkmann. They were members of the St. Peter's United Church of Christ in St. Louis, Mo. She is buried in the Owensville City Cemetery. She is survived by one son, Roy Birkmann of Florida; one dau, Alice Rhodes of St Louis and 3 grandchildren.

F. Eunice Viola Aytes[8] was born 11 Oct 1903 at Owensville, Mo; and died 29 Sept , at Memorial Hospital in Jefferson City, Mo. On 10 March 1923, at Hermann, Mo, she married Millard Nicks. They were members of the First Baptist Church at Owensville. She was survived by 3 daus, Mrs Nola Fay Schultz, Owensville; Mrs Arden Eichler, Brentwood; and Mrs Larry Shields, Kansas City; and four sons, Virgil, Vernon, Wilbert & Walter, all of Owensville.

G. Pearl Aytes[3] was born 28 Oct 1904, near Owensville. She married George B Mohesky on 26 June 1924. Her husband died 29 Jan 1977 at their home in Owensville.

H. Gladys Aytes[3] married Ben Gawer, Owensville, Mo.

I. Fannie Aytes[3] married Henry Dieckgrafe, Owensville, Mo.

J. Flora E. Aytes[3] was born 2 January 1909, Owensville, Mo; and died 1 Dec 1974, and buried in Countryside Memorial Gardens. She married 12 Sept 1927 to Charles Drewel, of Belle, Mo. Charles Lewis Drewel is the son of August Drewel and Carrie (Niewald) Drewel. The family made their home at Belle, where Charles was in the Clay Mining business. They were members of the First Baptist Church of Belle, Mo. 3 children -

Wanda Lea Drewel[9] was born 19 June 1930, Owensville, Mo. She married Austin Campbell on 28 May 1949. Austin died 5 May 1979. 3 children - (cont.)

Rocky Lane Campbell [10], son of Austin Campbell & Wanda Lea Drewel Campbell, was born 7 Nov 1953. He married Donna Bray on 14 Aug 1976. 2 ch.- Jessi Louren Campbell b. 24 May 1981, Jefferson City, Mo; and Tyler Lane Campbell b. 3 May 1985, Jefferson City, Mo.

Darrell Keith Campbell[10] was born 18 Aug 1960 He married Terry Jones on 26 June 1982. 1 ch - Colin Keith Campbell b. 2 Feb 1985, Dodge City, Kans.

Leah Ann Campbell [10] was born 13 Aug 1962. She married Dale R. Goff on 20 June 1981.

b. Charles Kenneth Drewel[9], son of Flora Aytes & Charles L. Drewel, was born 4 May 1932, Owensville, Mo. He served in the army in Korea, Oct 1952-Oct 1954. He married Lorene Sadler on 11 Nov 1951. 1 dau.

Katina Malinda Drewel [10] was adopted when 3 weeks old from Missouri Baptist Children's Home, born 6 Jan 1961. She married 24 Nov 1980 to David Wayne Steinbeck. They have 1 child - Ashley Blair Steinbeck, b. 23 Dec 1982, Jefferson City, Mo.

c. Norman Ray Drewel [9] was born 16 Nov 1934, Owensville, Mo. He served in the U.S. Army (state-side) from May 1957 to May 1959. He married Phyllis Lavern Weller on 29 Oct 1960. Two children -

Stacey Alison Drewel b. 11 Dec 1962, Rolla, Mo. She married Robert Wayne Gelven on 2 June 1984.

April Angela Drewel was born 9 Dec 1963, Rolla, Mo, and married Dennis Dewayne Noblett on 7 Aug 1982. 2 ch - Amber Leigh Noblett b. 27 July 1983, Jefferson City, Mo; and Jamie Allison Noblett b. 23 Sept 1984, Jefferson City, Mo.

K. "Bud" Aytes went out west about 1960.

L. Alva Reece Aytes[8] was born 9 July 1911, Owensville, Mo; and died 4 Dec 1967 at Owensville, buried in the New Salem Cemetery. He was married to Violet Carwile at Hermann, Mo, on 21 Sept 1932. Alva was a farmer and shoe worker. He was a veteran of World War II, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Owensville; also, a member of the Masonic Lodge of Bunker Hill, Ind, and the American Legion. They were the parents of 4 children, two died in infancy. A son, Elwood Aytes, lives in Rolla, Mo; and Glenwood Aytes of Owensville. There are 5 grandchildren.

M. Florence Aytes[8] married Paul Pelster, Owensville, Mo.

N. Raymond Aytes [ ], the 14th child of Alonzo Aytes and his wife, Josephine Woodruff Aytes, was born at Owensville, Mo, 21 Nov 1915; and died 16 Dec 1978, Rosston, Okla, bur. in Lacerne Cemetery. On 13 Mar 1939 he married Ruby Viola ( ). Raymond was a veteran of World War II, having served overseas 2 years and awarded the Purple Heart and 2 bronze stars. He moved to Rosston in 1959 where he was employed as a heavy equipment operator on a pipeline company. He was a member of the Salem Baptist Church of Owensville. Three children, one dying in infancy. A son, Roy, of Rosston and Virgil Aytes of Traverse City. This concludes the family of Josephine (Woodruff) Aytes so far as they are known.

(2) Kenneth Arthur Woodruff[7], son of William Pinkerton Woodruff and his wife, Martha Emeline (Melton), was born 16 Feb 1876, near the community of Charlotte, Mo, on the Lanenberg farm. He died 17 June 1958 and buried at Vassar, Kans. He married Carrie Breckheisen. Arthur was about 17 years of age when his parents died and he lived with a farmer by the name of Linsberg.For a few years he farmed in the area of Henrietta, Mo, where his brothers William Pierce and Jesse Garrett had settled. Across the Missouri river, near Lexington, his bro John had a farm. Later Arthur and Pierce moved to farms near Vassar, Kansas. They had 3 sons -

A. Henry Arthur Woodruff[8] married Dorothy Goldsmith on 23 Feb 1944. She was the dau. of Earl Goldsmith. They have a farm near Vassar, Kansas. 3 children -

B. William Jennings Woodruff[8] was born 30 Sept 1925. He married Wanda Lea Shuck on 18 Aug 1962. Bill and his wife are both teachers. After graduating from Ottawa University in 1954 he taught in the High Scool at Lenora, Kans. There followed several years in Fuller Theological Seminary and Asbury Theological Seminary; also, ThD candidate, Concordia Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of the Attica, Kans EUB Church and the Third Church EUB, Philadelphia between 1960-1968. His wife, Wanda Lee, was a graduate of Northwestern State, Alva, Okla, 1959 and taught in the Bradley Elementary Schools, Bradley, Illinois. Bill served with the US Army in Korea, 1951-53. He is currently Professor of Biblical Literature, Olivet Nazarene College, Kankakee, Ill. 3 ch -

a. Teresa Kaye Woodruff b. 7 Dec 1963. BA at Olivet Nazerene College 1985; cellist, Kankakee Symphony Orchestra. Teaching Fellowship, Northwestern Un 1985.

b. Bruce Alan Woodruff b. 12 Feb 1965; Junior, Olivet Nazarene College, majoring in Accounting, Computer Sc.

c. Neal Wayne Woodruff b. 18 Apr 1969; Jr in H. S. Interests are Band, Youth choir & Cross Country.

C. Clarence Zane Woodruff[8] son of Kenneth Arthur and Carrie Woodruff, was born 30 May 1927. He married Wilma Irene Trendel on 13 Oct 1956. Wilma was born 20 Jan 1925 near Vassar. They live on the home place of Clarence's folks 1 mile south of Vassar, Kans. Both were raised on the farm. 3 children -

a. Mark Edward Woodruff[9] was born 27 Oct 1957. Mark married Elizabeth Ann Silver on 17 Apr 1982. He farms with his father.

b. Melody Rae Woodruff was born 3 Aug 1959. She is an L.P.N. and employed at the Manor Nurshing Home at Osage City, Kans.

c. Max Arthur was born 8 Oct 1964. He is helping on the farm.

(3) William Pierce Woodruff[7], son of William P. and Martha E.(Melton) Woodruff, was born 9 Apr 1877 near Owensville, Mo. He died at Overbrook, Kans, 1961. He married Emma Jane Richardson, of Henrietta, Mo, dau. of Asa James & Elizabeth (Stephen) Richardson. Emma was born 30 Dec 1882 and died 26 Oct 1946. Both buried at Overbrook, Kans. Pierce was 16 when his parents died and lived with a farmer, Lafe Grote, who was famous for his fox hunting. 4 children -

A. Thelma Elizabeth Woodruff[8] was born 17 July 1905 at Henrietta, Mo; died 24 Jan 1975. She married Leonard Quito Warren born 29 Aug 1901; died 9 Mar 1976, the son of Thomas Quincy & Amanda Jane (Glenn) Warren. Both buried at Overbrook. 7 children -

a. Betty Jean Warren[9] was born 29 Apr 1925. She married David Frank Schirmer, born 27 Mar 1923, the the son of George & Ora (Bryson) Schermer. They were married 14 Mar 1946. - 2 daus & 2 sons -

Meri Kay Schirmer b. 30 Dec 1946; married 19 May 1969 to Larry Van Finley, born 22 Mar 1947, son of Fred Jones & Doris May (Shaughnessy) Finley. They have 2 ch - Kristi Dawn Finley b. 14 Feb 1973 & Gregory Todd Finley b. 19 Aug 1975.

Dana Dean Schirmer b. 9 Apr 1949; married Sarah Sue Brockway, b 2 Sept 1949, dau of Sidney Martin & Johnnie Mae (Mann) Brockway on 21 Aug 1970. 2 daus - Julie Danielle born 13 June 1972 & Renea Marie b. 4 Nov 1974.

Karen Sue Schirmer b. 23 Nov 1954; married on 21 July 1985 to Robert Ray Berroth, born 26 Dec 1940, son of Edward Thomas & Lorraine Mae (Kietzman) Berroth.

Michael Dee Schirmer born 24 Sept 1960; married 14 July 1984 to Brenda Marie Sutton, born 10 Jan 1964, dau of Larry & Karen (Kramer) Sutton.

b. Gerald Dean Warren[9], son of Thelma E Woodruff[3] & Leonard Q. Warren, was born 13 June 1929; married to Catherine Saunders, b. 11 Sept 1936, dau of Harold & Nell (Jacobsen) Saunders. 4 daus -

Peggy Lynn Warren b. 14 Apr 1957
Cynthia Warren b. 25 Mar 1958
Brenda Kay Warren b. 28 Apr 1959
Kelly Diane Warren b. 28 Jan 1963

c Larry Jack Warren[9] b. 9 Jan 1935; married Barbara Jean Anderson, b. 12 Nov 1933, dau of Carter & Opal (Hollingsworth) Anderson on 14 Feb 1946.

Larry Mark Warren b. 5 July 1955; married Linda Diane Belate 12 Apr 1975. Linda was b. 19 Oct 1954.
Jeanie Warren born 23 Mar 1960; married 29 Sept 1984 to David Nottingham.

Larry Jack Warren married 2nd to Judy Jackman on 10 Sept 1976. Judy was b. 30 June 1938.

d. Gary Lee Warren[9] was born 29 Jan 1937; married Mary Frances Johnson, b. 14 Oct 1939, dau of Carl & Sally (Woodring) Johnson. 2 daus & a son. Gary Lee married Sharon (Thurber) Martin in May 1980.

Terry Lee Warren b. 2 Aug 1956; married John Tucker, son of Seldon & Dorothea Tucker, 1 Nov 1975. 3 children - Josie Lee Tucker b. 5 Oct 1980; Jesse Allan Tucker b. 2 May 1983; and Jonnie Tucker (girl) b. 19 Oct 1984.

Sherry Bee Warren b 2 Aug 1956; married Steven Davidson on 21 June 1975. 4 children - Christina Ann b. 5 May 1976; Patricia Lynn b. 19 Apr 1980; Michelle Lee b. 30 Dec 1981; & Ryan Eugene Davidson b. 6 Sept 1984.

Barry Jay Warren, son of Gary Lee Warren & Mary Frances (Johnson) was born 21 Apr 1960.

e. Gayle Edward Warren[9], son of Thelma E. Woodruff and Leonard Q. Warren, was born 2 July 1939; married Judith Ann Moeller, b. 9 Feb 1940, dau of Frank & Irene (Griffeth) Moeller. 2 children -

Stacy Ann Warren b. 24 Dec 1965; married Gary Adam Tucker, b. 2 July 1973, son of Larry & Sandy (Aiger) Tucker.

Scott Edward Warren (adopted) b. 13 Aug 1974.

f. Darrel Lynn Warren[9] b. 1 Jan 1943; married Carol Jo Schwanke. Divorced. 1 dau, Darla Day Warren, born 12 June 1966.

Darrell Lynn Warren married 2nd, Etta Jean Foster, born 7 Nov 1948, dau of Everett & Marcenia(Schuckard) Foster. 3 ch. Divorced. Darin Lee Warren b. 8 Jan 1971; Jamie Marie Warren b. 3 Feb 1973; and Jason Darrel Warren b. 24 Nov 1974.

g. Sherry Ann Warren[9], the 7th child of Thelma E. Woodruff & Thomas Q. Warren, was born 22 Apr 1946; married Emmett H. Tuckel, b. 21 Feb 1940, son of Harry & Matilda (Bahnmaier) Tuckel. They were married on 16 Apr 1966.

B. Clifford Pierce Woodruff[8], son of William Pierce Woodruff & Emma (Richardson) Woodruff, was born 14 July 1907 at Henrietta, Mo; died 27 Oct 1980, buried at Overbrook. He married Mary Madeline McKay 12 May 1937. She was born 26 June 1913, Augusta, Kans, the dau of John Henry & Ella (Baker) McKay. No children.

C. James Arthur Woodruff[8] was born 15 Nov 1911 at Henrietta, Mo; died 16 June 1971 at Topeka, Kans. He married Fern Hannah Hansen, b. 5 Jan 1914, dau of Walter & Gertrude (Evans) Hansen. 3 children -

a. Jackie Arthur Woodruff[9] b. 29 Sept 1934; married 27 Nov 1959 to Charlotte Darlene,McMullin, dau of Louis & Pearl (Fitzhugh) McMullin. 5 children -

Warren Leigh (Roberts) Woodruff (adopted) b. 9 July 1956; married Linda, dau of LaNita & Dale McGinnis on 30 May 1981. 2 children - Alyson Janice b. 25 Sept 1982 & Grady Leigh Woodruff b. 26 July 1984.

Daniel Lewis (Roberts) Woodruff (adopted) b. 16 Aug 1959; married on 12 June 1982 to Sue, dau of Norma & James Britt.

Sandra Lynn Woodruff b 22 Sept 1960
Jack Arthur Woodruff b. 15 Oct 1962
Randal Lee Woodruff b. 8 Oct 1968

b. Patsy Ann Woodruff[9], dau of James Arthur & Fern (Hansen) Woodruff, was born 18 Apr 1936; married 1953 to Edwin Earl Ritchie, son of Edwin & Pearl (Davis) Ritchie. Divorced. 2 children -

Teresa Kim b. 25 July 1959; married 1981 to Nick Lehmans.
Jeffrey Edwin Ritchie b. 28 Dec 1961.

c. Barry Edwin Woodruff[9] b. 30 July 1937; married Beth, dau of Max & Wilma Dinwiddie. 1 child. Div. Barry married, 2nd, Elizabeth Lou, dau of William & Cecelia Mainey on June 1965. 2 children.

Alisha Dee Woodruff b. July 1965.

Barry Edwin Woodruff b. 2 Feb 1966; married to Tonya Renee, dau of Earl & Sue (McPhail) Barbee on June 1985.

Wendy Elizabeth Woodruff b. 27 Apr 1967.

D. Cecil Dorven Woodruff, Sr.[8]; fourth child of William Pierce Woodruff & Emma (Richardson) Woodruff, was born 12 March 1917 near Richmond, Mo; married Frances

Elizabeth Kroeger, b. 21 Jan 1919, dau of John Henry & Elsie Marie (Kling) Kroeger; born in Cass Co, Indiana and died 1960 in Osage Co, Kans. Dorven lives in Overbrook, Kans. - 4 children -

a. Cecil Dorven Woodruff, Jr[9] was born 24 Dec 1943; died 1 Oct 1948 Osage Co, Kans.

b. Carole Frances Woodruff[9] born 13 Apr 1949 in Douglas Co, Kans. She married Raleigh Dale Turner, son of Chester Raleigh & Vera Jeannette (Lloyd). Raleigh was born in 1950, Shawnee Co, Kans. 2 ch- Ryan Dale Turner b. 1975 in Shawnee Co, Kans. Becky Frances Turner b. 1981, Shawnee Co, Kans.

c. Barbara Ann Woodruff b. 9 Feb 1952, Shawnee Co, Kans; married Donald Dean Heberling on 28 Sept 1974. Donald was born in 1953, son of Cary Sylvanius Heberling & Pearl Irene (Desque).

d. Susan Jane Woodruff b. 11 Sept 1956, Shawnee Co, Kans. She married Rodney Gregg Mohn on 14 Mar 1981. Rodney was born in 1951, Morris Co, Kans, son of Donald William Mohr & Rachel May (Hughes). (Anyone wishing to contact the family of William Pierce Woodruff[7] can write to Mary M. Woodruff, 99 Sunset Drive, Vassar, Kansas. 66543)

(4) John Jackson Woodruff[7], son of William Pinkerton Woodruff and Martha Emeline (Melton) Woodruff, was born 22 May 1878 on a farm near Owensville, Mo. He died 14 Dec 1959 and buried at Machpelah Cemetery, Lexington, Mo. He married Laura Walker Corder on 6 Feb 1907. John was 12 years old when his parents died. Along with Garrett & Cora, he lived in the home of John Boston, a farmer in the area. John and Laura lived on a farm near Lexington. He was a farmer and stockman. Laura was born 28 Sept 1886; died 7 Mar 1970, bur. beside her husband. 2 daughters -

A. Ann Celeste Woodruff[8], dau. of John & Laura Woodruff, was born 19 Feb 1908 on the farm near Lexington. She died 15 July 1978, buried Machpelah Cemetery at Lexington, Mo. She married Richard C. Branson in 1932. Richard was born 14 June 1901; d. 4 ch.

a. Meridith Louise Branson[9] was born 12 Mar. 1933. She married Bobby Vernon Merchant on 15 June 1949, divorced Mar 1952. His parents were John Merchant & ( ) York Merchant. Married 2nd, Charles Franklin Curry on 31 Oct 1952 in Bentonville, Ark. Charley was born 9 Jan 1924 in Lexington, Mo, son of Will Henry Ewing Curry & Gertrude Alene (Hill) Charley had two sons, William Andrew Curry b. 23 Sept 1946 & David Lee Curry b. 5 Nov 1948. They have one dau, Kathy Diane Curry born 6 May 1962; married Scott Leslie Marcos on 28 Oct 1984, son of Leslie & Beverly (Kennedy) Marcos. Kathy is working at K.U. Med Center in Radiology.

b. Iris Mae Branson[9], dau of Richard C & Celeste (Woodruff) Branson, was born 18 Apr 1934. She mar- Donald Willis Railey on 25 Mar 1950. Donald was born 13 July 1928, son of Virgil & Buelah (Seek) Railey of Richmond, Mo. Iris works for the North Kansas City School Dist. Donald has retired from the Ford Motor Company after 30 years. 4 ch -

Gary Dean b. 28 July 1951; m. Rebecca Annette Collins on 10 Mar 1972, dau of Donald & Patricia Collins. 2 daus - Prema Dawn b. 16 Feb 1976 & Cheyene Summer b. 27 Aug 1979. Gary works as Counselar for Tri-County Mental Health in N.K.C., Mo.

Monte Wayne b. 9 Sept 1956; married Rebecca Susan Talbot on 11 Sept 1978, dau of Donald & Jacklyn (Carr) Talbot. 1 dau, Anna Michelle b. 23 Mar 1980.

Robin Elaine Railey b. 23 Nov 1958; married David D. Walters on 28 Sept 1979. Robin works for the Clay Co. Sherriff's Dept. 3 sons - Dylan Christopher Walters b. 22 Apr 1977
Nathan Matthew b. 25 Mar 1980
Ian Benjaman b. 24 Mar 1982

David Bruce was born 10 Nov 1963, a student at University of Missouri at Columbia.

c. Richard Eugene Branson[9], son of Richard C & Celeste (Woodruff) Branson, was born 23 Dec 1935; married Shirley Ann Stalans on 9 Dec 1963. She was born 5 Dec 1939, dau of Robert Sheakspear . Stalans & Laura (Gore) Stalans, of Chiefland, Fla. They live on Route # 1, Chiefland, Fla. 4 ch -
Clarence Robert b. 12 Nov 1963
Richard Eugene, Jr. b. 27 Aug 1967
Karen Lynn b. 25 Sept 1969
Rodger Dewayne b. 22 Mar 1971

d. John Walker Branson[9] was born 4 Feb 1939; married Doris Stalans on 10 Apr 1960, dau of Robert & Laura Stalans, b. 21 Aug 1936. 4 children -

Brenda Kay Stalans b. 2 Apr 1961; married Kevin Douglas Collins on 12 Jan 1979. Kevin b. 25 Mar 1960. They live in Excelsior Springs, Mo. 2 ch - Aaron Keith Douglas b. 17 Mar 1981 & Kelly Rene Douglas b. 25 June 1982.

John Wilbur Stalans b. 21 Mar 1965, lives at Route 2, Lawson, Mo.

Earl Jackson b. 2 Feb 1968

Raymond Douglas b. 16 Apr 1977.

(Records of the Branson family compiled by Meredith Louise Curry 301 N.W. 61st, Gladstone, Mo 64118)

B. Alya Oneida Woodruff[3], dau. of John Jackson Woodruff[7] Laura (Corder) Woodruff, was born 7 Jan 1910 on farm east of Lexington, Mo. She married 9 Mar 1937 to Albert Hoeppner, son of Herman & Laura (Schuette) Hoeppner. Albert was born 21 Feb 1909, Mayview, Mo; died 21 Oct 1982, buried at Lexington Memory Gardens. They lived on a farm near Mayview, Mo & later moved to the John Woodruff farm, Route # 1, Lexington, Mo. 4 ch-

a. Albert William "Bill" Hoeppner[9] was born 17 Oct 1939 on the Woodruff farm south of Lexington, Mo. He married Karen Lambert on 11 June 1961. Karen was born 21 Nov 1941, Shelby, Mo, the dau of Nile & Wynona (Montgomery) Lambert. 3 ch -

Mark Allen b. 8 Apr 1963
Julie Ann b. 21 Sept 1965; d. 14 May 1971, bur. Lexington Memorial Gardens, Lexington, Mo.
Andrew William Hoeppner b. 17 Jan 1973.

b. Raymond Wayne Hoeppner[9] was born 30 Apr 1941 on Woodruff farm south of Lexington. He married Dorothy Goers on 23 May 1961. Dorothy was born 7 Jan 1943, St James, Mo, dau of Armin & Allene (Spurgean) Goers. 3 children
Pamela Marie b. 30 Apr 1971
Michael Wayne Hoeppner b. 18 June 1962
Douglas Wayne Hoeppner b. 19 Feb 1973

c. Norma Nadyne Hoeppner[9] was born 12 Aug 1944 at Lexington, Mo. She married David Mittelhauser of Mayview on 17 Oct 1965. David was born 29 Jan 1945, Research Hospital, K.C., Mo, son of Everett & Marie (Werning) Mittelhauser. 2 children -
Dana Marie b. 28 May 1968
Amy Lynn b. 6 Mar 1974

d. Harold Allen Hoeppner born 23 Oct 1946, southeast of Lexington, Mo. He married Rebecca Wisehart on 5 Sept 1970. Rebecca was born 31 Aug 1947 at Anderson, Ind, dau of John Edward & Ruth (Nibarger) Wisehart. 2 children -
Stacey Leann Hoeppner b. 11 Nov 1973
Jeffery Allen Hoeppner b. 14 May 1976.

(The Hoeffner Family records were compiled by - Norma N. Mittelhouser, Route #1, Box 96A Mayview, Mo. 64071)

(5) Jesse Garrett Woodruff[7], son of William Pinkerton Woodruff and Martha Emeline (Melton) Woodruff, was born 29 Apr 1880 near Owensville, Mo. He died 27 June 1960 and is buried in Memory Garden at Richmond, Mo. On 9 Feb 1909 he married Ada Johns in Kansas City. Ada was born 6 Sept 1887, Leipsic, Ohio, dau. of William Harrison Johns & Ella Mae (Woodruff) Johns.Ada died 7 Apr 1981; buried in Memory Garden at Richmond. According to the story, Garrett was named for the 1880 Census taker. A man by the name of "Gerhart", taking the Census, found the baby still unnamed and bought John, aged 2, a pair of red shoes if they would name the baby after him! (See 1880 Census, p. 51) Garrett was 13 years of age when his parents died and he along with John and Cora was taken into the home of John Boston, a neighbor. Garrett was a farmer in the Henrietta and Richmond area. 3 children -

A. Clarence Merrill Woodruff[8] b. 8 Apr 1910, Kansas City, Mo. Married Juanita McCollum at Bethany, Mo, 16 May 1937. Juanita b. 28 Mar 1914 to Alva Edwin & Nettie (Hatten) McCollum at Bethany. During World War II, Merrill served as a civilian with the Signal Corps doing electronic research at Wright Field, Dayton, OH. He earned B.S. in Agriculture; M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from University of MO at Columbia. He was on Soils Department and Agronomy Dept Faculty at UMC from 1939-1976, when he retired as Professor Emeritus. He was a recipient of the Faculty-Alumni Award in 1983. He lives at 118 Anderson Ave, Columbia, Mo 65203, but his 'hobby' continues to be his Bethany farm. 3 ch -

a. Carolyn Louise Woodruff b & d. 9 July 1942, Columbia, Mo; buried Morris Chapel Cemetery 5 miles north of Bethany, Mo.

b. James Merrill Woodruff b. 26 Feb 1945, Dayton, Ohio. Married Barbara Lewis Shepard, 31 Dec 1980 in S.D. Divorced 1985. No children. Jim earned B.S. in Mechanical Engineering at University of Mo, Columbia, in 1968. Enlisted in USAF Feb 1968. Commissioned in May 1968. Served in Air Systems Command in FL and CA for 7½ years; Stragegic Air Command in SD and NE 9 years; Air Force Logistics Command in UT at present with rank of Captain.

c. Robert Alva Woodruff b 14 Feb 1947, Columbia, Mo. Earned B.S. degree at Un of Mo, Columbia, 1969. Earned Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry at MA. Inst of Technology, Cambridge, MA, 1973. Married Jane Stephanie Mueller in Belmont, MA, 3 Apr 1971. Jane b. 21 Mar 1945 in Boston, MA to H Peter & Trudy Mueller. Jane is a Biologist with B.S. in Biology at Hollins College, Roanoke, VA. Robert is Research Manager, Rohm & Haas Co, Philadelphia. 2 ch - Samantha Ann Woodruff b 14 July 1975, Philadelphia & Peter James b 10 Apr 1977, Phila.

B. Ada Mae Woodruff[3], dau of Jesse Garrett Woodruff & Ada (Johns) Woodruff, was born 25 Aug 1911, Henrietta, Mo. She married 13 Apr 1941 to Norman Clough. Norman was born on 3 Aug 1907 at Keighley, England, the son of Ernest & Edith Margaret Jane (Greenep) Clough. The family came to this country in 1909. Ada Mae holds B.S. gegrees from Northwest Missouri State Teachers College, Maryville and University of Mo. Norman is a Doctor of Optometry with his office at Lexington, Mo. During World War II he served with the US Coast Guard on the west coast. No children. (348 N. 17th, Lexington)

C. Clyde Willard Woodruff[3] was born 25 Oct 1913 at Henrietta, Mo. He married Helen Louise Anderson on 11 Sept 1935. Helen was born 16 Apr 1913, dau of R. Bertrum Anderson & Maggie (White), of Richmond. Two ch. Clyde married 2nd, Veona Katherine Sherrets Warren on 28 June 1945. Katherine is the dau of Albert & Magnolia (Barnes) Sherrets, born 10 Apr 1912, Dover, Kans. They live at 606 Merrill Ave, Maryville, Mo, where Clyde owns and operates a fuel and heating business, also a dealer for National Homes. They own a mobile home and travel extensively. 1 dau.

Judith Ann Woodruff b. 27 July 1939, Kansas City, Mo; married James Holman, Richmond, in 1958. Dau Teri Lynn b. 2 June 1959.

Clyde Bertrum Woodruff "Sonny" b. 14 Mar 1942, K.C. He married in the summer of 1966.

Sarah Jane Woodruff b. 6 Jan 1948 at Maryville, Mo. She married Keith Arnold and they live at 628 W. Grant, Maryville, Mo. Two children - Michelle & Bryan Arnold.

(6) Cora Esther Woodruff[7], dau of Wm P & Martha E (Melton) Woodruff, was born 15 July 1885 on a farm near Owensville, Mo. On 27 June 1906 she married William Joseph Chapman, son of Charles & Elizabeth Chapman. William Joseph was b. 22 July 1879. The family moved to Wetmore, Colo, and later to Ordway, for Cora's health. Will Chapman was Deputy Sheriff of Crowley Co for Joseph M. Woodruff (Cora's uncle) and following Joe's death, Will became Sheriff. 6 ch -

A. Melva Esther Chapman[8] was born 6 May 1907; Henrietta, Mo; died 27 Mar 1985, Denver, Colo. She married Harry McCabe. Melva was a teacher in the Catholic Schools for over 20 years and worked untiringly in the Youth Camps. In 1960 she was named the Colorado Catholic "Mother of the Year". 3 sons -

a. Charles William "Bill" McCabe b. 1934
b. Michael Arthur McCabe b. 1937
c. John David McCabe b. 1939

B. William Arthur Chapman b. 10 Apr 1910; married Arthena Kemp. In 1967 he was Departmental Manager at

B. William Arthur Chapman (cont) United Aircraft in Hartford, Conn. 2 ch -

a. Carole Elaine Chapman b. 1944
b. Walter Allen Chapman b. 1952

C. Walter Earnest Chapman[8] was born 23 May 1913; married Anne Read. Walter was shop foreman at the Ford Garage in Ordway, Colo. (1967) 2 ch. -

a. William Robert Chapman b. 1951
b. Walter Reed Chapman b. 1953

D. Martha Elizabeth Chapman b. 15 May 1915; married Murray Boyd. In 1967 Murray was County Assessor in Crawley Co, Colo. 1 child -

a. Nancy Kay Boyd b. 1946

E. Robert Allen Chapman[8] was born 14 Apr 1917; married Evelyn Tibbets. In 1967 Bob was manager of the State Employment Office at Woodland, Calif. 3 ch -

a. Robert Larry Chapman b. 1947
b. Judith Ann Chapman b. 1951
c. Deborah Kay Chapman b. 1957

F. Margaret Alice Chapman[8] b. 27 Apr 1923; married Frederick H. Adam. Bob was a carpenter. 4 ch -

a. Sharon Lee Adam b. 1944
b. Kathryn Jane Adam b. 1946
c. Marjorie Amelia Adam b. 1950
d. Elizabeth Ann Adam b. 1953

(7) "Infant Son of W. P. Woodruff"[7] gravestone in New Salem Cemetery, Owensville, Mo. The date is not clear, appears to be "born 27 January 1882".

(8) Benjamin Walker Woodruff[7], son of William P. Woodruff & Martha E. (Melton) Woodruff, was born 11 Sept 1833, in Owensville, Mo. He died 13 Feb 1919, during the flu epidemic of World War I; buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Mo. On 30 July 1907, Walker married Myrtle Johns in Kansas City, Mo. Myrtle was born 26 Oct 1885, south of Leipsic, Ohio, the dau of William Harrison & Ella May (Woodruff) Johns, a sister to the wife of his bro, Garrett. Walker was left an orphan at the age of ten and lived with an elderly doctor in Owensville by the name of Johnson. He drove the horse and buggy as the doctor made his calls. He moved to the K.C. area with his brother, Garrett. In 1916 he wrote a description of himself in a pocket reference book. "Height 5 foot 6 inches; weight 120 lbs; hair auburn; eyes brown". Walker was employed at the office of the Portland Cement Company, near Independence. They built their home at 221 Mechanic, Independence, in about 1916. At the time of his death he was the Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge of Independence. Myrtle (Johns) Woodruff d. 18 July 1931; buried at Woodlawn Cemetery, Independence, Mo. They had 2 sons -

A. William Harold Woodruff[3], son of Benjamin Walker Woodruff & Myrtle(Johns), was born 30 Nov 1908, Independence, Mo. On 3 June 1939 he married Verna Earline Gabriel, dau. of John Joseph & Lida Jane (Farnsworth) Gabriel. Verna was born 23 Apr 1913, Warrensburg, Mo. Harold is a contractor and builder in Independence area, a trade taught him by his grandfather, William Harrison Johns. He is a member of the Carpenter's Union; and a Past-President of the Independence Lion's Club. He has served on the Building Committee of the First United Methodist Church of Independence, where he teaches a Sunday School Class. Verna is active in the Women's work and the Senior Citizen's Craft Co-op. 2 daus.

a. Janice Marie Woodruff[9] was born 22 July 1941 at Independence, Mo. She married Thomas Richard West on 23 Aug 1959. Divorced in 1963. Janice is employed with an aluminum Co with headquarters in Henrietta, Mo.Janice is following the hobby of genealogy, tracing her mother's side of the family.

b. Sandra Sue Woodruff[9] was born 31 Jan 1945, Independence, Mo. She married George Arthur Whitehurst in 1962. George was born 30 July 1940, son of George Arthur Delafield Whitehurst & Birdie Frances (Seybold) Whitehurst.George served in the army 3 years, stationed in Kenai, Alaska two years as a Pharmacist. Susie is employed at Lake City Arsenal. 2 sons -

William Del Whitehurst was born 17 May 1963;; married Rhonda Karen Moore Wade. Rhonda was born 6 July 1962 and has a son, Shawn S. Wade of a previous marriage, born 24 Mar 1979. Bill & Rhonda has 2 sons - William Jason Whitehurst b. 27 Apr 1983 & Christopher Del Whitehurst b. 15 June 1985.

Michael Scott "Scotty" Whitehurst b. 29 Aug 1970, Independence, Mo.

B. Howard Walker Woodruff[8], son of Benjamin Walker Woodruff & Myrtle (Johns) Woodruff, was born 7 Oct 1910, Independence, Mo. Married Audrey Lee Wagner on 22 Aug 1933 at Independence, Mo. Audrey was born 25 Jan 1913, Stanley, Kans, dau. of Glenn H. & Rhoda Ellen (May) of Stanley, Kans. Howard received his B.A. from Central United Methodist College in 1935, Fayette, Mo; and Audrey attended 1933-35. Also, his Master of Divinity and Master of Sociology degrees in 1940 from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. He is a retired minister of the United Methodist Church and served 42 years in the Southwest Missouri and the Missouri-West Annual Conferences. He is a wood-artist and has 14 pieces of "The Shields of the Apostles" on permanent display at the Sky High Chapel of the Chicago Temple (United Methodist Church) in downtown

Chicago, Ill. His last appointment was "Countryside United Methodist" of Kansas City where he served for 9 years before retiring in 1975. He also perfected a method of "Portable Microfilming" that enabled the Woodruff's to enter the Publishing Hobby. Audrey is a Certified Genealogical Record Searcher and has published over 30 volumes of Missouri Records. Best known are the 30 volume series of MISSOURI PIONEERS, 17 volumes of MISSOURI MISCELLANY, and 20 volume series of MISSOURI MARRIAGES. In August 1983 she was given "An Award of Merit" by the Missouri State Genealogical Association, at Columbia, Mo, for "her research and publication of numerous Missouri records thereby making them available to grateful genealogists everywhere". Her Biography appears in the "Who's Who in Genealogy & Heraldry", Vol I, by Mary Keysor Myers & P. William Filby (1981) She is a member of the Independence Pioneer Chapter of the D.A.R. Both are serving on the MO-W Conference Comm. of Archives & History. He continues to serve as the Supervisor of the Credit Union for Methodist Ministers from the State of Missouri; the Spofford Home Board for emotionally disturbed children, and the Church Extension Society of the Kansas City area. 2 ch -

a. William Walker Woodruff[9] was born 17 May 1933, Dallas, Texas. He married Terryl Ann Redman on 13 July 1963 at the Watson Memorial Church, Independence, Mo. Terry was born 29 Jan 1938, St Joseph, Mo, the dau of Russell & Geneva (Johnson) Redman of Raytown, Mo. Terry is a Surgical Nurse at Research Hospital, K.C. Bill attended Central United Methodist College, Fayette, Mo. He served with the Armed Forces in Occupied Germany, near Frankfort, following World War II (1960-62). While in Europe he traveled extensively in England, France, Austria, Italy, Luxenburg, the Netherlands and other parts of Germany. Since 1962 Bill has been employed with the Western Electric Company (now AT & T) at Lee's Summit, Mo. They are members of the Countryside United Methodist Church, K.C. Their hobbies are Stained Glass, Square Dancing & camping. 2 children -

Jennifer Ann Woodruff b. 18 Oct 1967, Kansas City, Mo. Her interest is "clogging" and she has been a participant in several National Events. Next fall she will be the 3rd generation to enroll in Central United Methodist Col.

Matthew Walker Woodruff was born 29 Sept 1972, Kansas City, Mo. He is envolved in the Boy Scout program of his church. Matthew is a new "clogger".

b. Carole Anne Woodruff[9], dau of Howard Walker Woodruff & Audrey L. (Wagner) Woodruff, was born 27 May 1942, Lebanon, Mo (hospital). She married Keith Olin Ploeger on 19 June 1960 at the Watson Memorial United Methodist Church, Independence, Mo. Keith was born 23 Oct 1933, Independence, Mo, the son of Olin & Ruth (Schroeder) Ploeger of Independence, Mo. He served with the Armed Forces in Occupied German following World War II. Divorce. Anne married Joseph "Joe" Golden on 15 Jan 1984 at Independence. Joe was born 30 Sept 1944, Kans City, Mo, son of Floyd Edwin Golden & Jaunita Wilma (Davis) Golden. Joe is employed with the Union Carbide Co, North Kansas City. Anne is a "Savings Councellor" with Blue Valley Savings & Loan. She is a member of the Countryside United Methodist Church,and lives in Independence. They have purchased 5 acres, 1 mile from the Jesse James Homestead, near Karney, Mo, where they have started a "Christmas Tree Farm". 3 ch of 1st marriage.

Katherine "Kathy" Lynn Ploeger was born 3 Dec 1961, Independence, Mo. She married Gary Dean Moxley, Jr, on 10 June 1984 at the Countryside United Methodist Church, K.C, with her grandfather officiating. Gary was born 15 Jan 1962 at Atchison, Kans, son of Gary Dean Moxley (Sr) & Jerene Lynn (Grinlinson), decd. Gary and Kathy are graduates of Missouri Western College at St Joseph, Mo, 1984. They live in Englewood, Colorado.

Karl Walker Ploeger was born 12 Nov 1963 at Independence, Mo. At William Chrisman High School he excelled in debate. He continues to be active in forensics at Missouri Western University, St. Joseph, where he will graduate in May 1985 with a degree in Marketing.

Kristin Anne Ploeger was born 2 Oct 1969 at Independence, Mo. She was editor of her Year Book " Pioneer" at James Bridger Junior High, 1984. In the summer of 1985 she was a Cultural Exchange Student in Japan. (Her grandmother says that she is going to be an "artist".)

(9) Robert L. Woodruff[7] was b. 11 June 1886 & d. 15 Feb 1888, bur New Salem Cemetery, Owensville, Mo.

(10) Strawd Franston Woodruff[7] was born 10 June 1888, Owensville, Mo, and died 6 May 1906, buried New Salem. Strawd was about 5 yrs of age when his parents died and he lived with a farmer by the name of John Weisman. He was attending Hills Business College at Sedalia, Mo, and coming home for the holidays, became ill & died of "quick consumption".

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Pages 53 through 74 completes the Descendants of WILLIAM PINKERTON WOODRUFF[6] (line of Benj A[5] Geo B[4], Geo Jr[3] Geo Sr[2] and Richard Woodroof[1]) so far as they are known. No name was omitted, or error made, intentionally. There was limited information available on many of the lines, and it is hoped that some member of the family will become interested in researching and preserving these records for future generations. Let us not wait until all of the "older" members of the family are gone.

The Descendants of WILLIAM PINKERTON WOODRUFF[6] and Martha E. (Melton) have, in recent years, met on the 2nd Sunday in June for a Woodruff Reunion. On the "even" years (1982 & 84) we met in the area of Vassar, Kans; and on the "odd years (1983 & 85) at Richmond, Missouri. If there is a Woodruff in your ancestry, and you would like to attend this Reunion, we extend a hearty welcome. If interested you can contact one of the following -

Even years - Mrs Mary Woodruff 99 Sunset Dr, Vassar, Mo 66543
Gayle & Judy Warren Rural Route # 1 - Box 145, Carbondale, Kans 66414

Odd years - Mrs Frank (Juanita) Derstler, RR # 1, Richmond, MO 64085
Mrs Norman (Ada Mae) Clough 348 N. 17th, Lexington, Mo 64067

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We shall continue with ROBERT W. WOODRUFF[4], a known brother of George B. Woodruff[4], sons of George Woodruff, Jr[3] (see p.39) ROBERT W.[4] had two sons by his first marriage - James Thomas Woodruff[5] and William Trigg Woodruff[5]. There are several researchers working together, and sharing their efforts,on these lines.

JAMES THOMAS WOODRUFF[5], the older, had 3 children and it is believed that one died young. Two remained in Tennessee, and five moved to the area of Wolfe City, Texas prior to 1890, and settled in Fannin & Hunt Counties. Here, the descendants hold a Woodruff Reunion each year, and anyone with a Woodruff in his/her ancestry is welcome to join this event. If interested, write to -
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Burleson, 293-7160

ROBERT W. WOODRUFF[4], son of George Woodruff, Jr[3],(George Sr[2], Richard Woodroof[1]) was born in Brunswick co, Virginia, in August 1792 (residence of his father; Brunswick co PP taxlist 1815-19) and died 19 Aug 1873, most likely in Walter Hill, Rutherford co, Tenn, near Murfreesboro, which was his last known place of residence in 1871. (Pension file, War of 1812 #3636 & 3375).

Robert W. married prior to 1827, either in Tennessee or Alabama, however, the name of his wife is unknown. She died prior to 1843. Their oldest son, James Thomas Woodruff[5], was born in Alabama in 1828 and 2nd son, William Trigg Woodruff[5], was born in Tennessee in 1834. Many researching this line believe she may have been a "Trigg".

Robert W. married, 2nd, Temperance Willis, 25 Sept 1843, in Cannon Co. Tenn. Her maiden name was Whitfield, having previously married Willis Willis in Rutherford co, Tenn, 29 Nov 1821. (DAR Records; Rutherford co Marriages # 79) It is known that Temperance had a dau, Mary Willis, born ca 1830 who was living with them at the time of the 1850 Census of Cannon co, Tennessee. Two children were born to the second marriage, Virginia and Allen W. Woodruff.

As a young man, at the age of 22, Robert W. enlisted in the War of 1812 and served for 4 months as a Private in "Regiment of Mounted Men" commanded by Capt. P. Pryor in Col. Bryne's Co. Documents from his pension file (Claim # 3636 & 3375) indicate that he enlisted 1 Aug 1814 from Brunswick co, Va. However, at the advanced age of 77 years, he gave his place of enlistment as Petersburg, Dinwiddie co, which was also the place of his discharge on 1 Dec 1814.

He returned to his home in Brunswick Co where he appears on the PP taxlists from 1815 - 1819 and, during these years, he is credited with owning 1 horse.

In the company of his brother, Allen, Robert W. moved to Williamson co, Tennessee in the early part of 1820, where he appears in the records as bondsman for Howell S. Woodruff at the time of his marriage. There is no proof of relationship, but Howell S. is very likely a brother of Robert W, Allen and George B. Woodruff. Howell S. is the ancestor of Charles M. Woodruff

1501 Lafayette St, Shelbyville, Tenn. 37160 (1973)

Robert W. appears on the early taxlists of Williamson co, Tenn, for the years 1821-1825. Soon, thereafter, he moved to Madison co, Alabama, where his brother, George B Woodruff, and a group of related families from Brunswick Co, had settled about 1825. During his brief sojourn we find, among the early records, "William Brandon indebted to James Brown, for slaves, 27 August 1827, Robert W. Woodruff, security." (Deed Book L:222) Here, it is believed that his oldest son, James Thomas, was born in 1828. (1850 Census Cannon co, Tenn.)

From Alabama he traveled to Rutherford co, Tenn, where he appeared in the 1830 Federal Census -

Robert W. Woodruff	200001	-	010001
Allen Woodruff	000001	-	0000010001

The older woman, 70 - 80 years of age could be Ann, wife of George Woodruff, Jr, and the mother of Allen, Robert W and George B Woodruff, who dropped out of the Brunswick co records in 1820; or just as easily, the mother of Allen's wife. (page 38 in this book).

There is, also, a Richard Woodruff listed in the 1830 Census of Rutherford co, Tenn. (00101001 - 00001001) aged 50-60. This could be Richard Woodruff III, son of Richard Woodroof Jr, who was last named on the Greensville tax list in 1793 and sold his land in 1796. (see page 13 in this book)

Robert W. then returned briefly to Madison co, Alabama, where along with Allen Woodruff, they were security for their brother, George B Woodruff, on some rental property in 22 Nov 1834. (Probate Record Book 7:38)

Robert W. is in Cannon co, Tenn, in 1840 Census, and marries for the second time to Temperance (Whitfield) Willis in 1843. He appears in the 1850 Federal Census of Cannon Co, Tennessee

p. 524 household no. 300 P.O. Bradyville, Tenn.

Robert W. Woodruff	57	farmer	750.00	Virginia
Temperance I	47		property	Tennessee
James B	22			Alabama
William T	19			Tennessee
Virginia H	5			Tennessee
Allen W.	4			Tennessee
Mary Willis	18			Tennessee

By the time of the 1860 Census the two older sons have married and left home - James Thomas to Rutherford co, Tenn, and William Trigg remaining in Cannon co.

On 10 Jan 1867, Robert W Woodruff, for the sum of 1260.00, conveyed to his son, J T Woodruff, two pieces of property containing 66 and 18 acres, lying in Dist. no. 12, Cannon co, Tenn. The 18 acre tract was formerly the property of Mary and William Willis. (Book O, p.226) (The.e were perhaps the children of his 2nd wife, Temperance, or her parents.)

In the 1870 Census of Rutherford co we learn that Robert W. is living in the home of his son, James Thomas Woodruff, in Dist. no. 23, postoffice Murfreesboro, Tenn. Meanwhile, William Trigg has moved to Rutherford in Dist no. 5, postoffice Walter Hill, Tenn. (1870 Census.) It appears that, soon thereafter, Robert W. went to live with his 2nd son, William Trigg, where in Feb 1871, as a resident of Walter Hill, Rutherford co, he applied for a Survivor's Pension for service in the War of 1812. (Claim no. 3636 & 3375). Here, he indicates that he had previously received two Bounty Land Warrants for 40 acres each. He states that he was married twice, and both of his wives were deceased. The date of his death, 19 Aug 1873, is recorded on his voucher. He left 4 children:- James Thomas and William Trigg from his first marriage; and Virginia H. and Allen W. by his second wife, Temperance (Whitfield) Willis.

I James Thomas Woodruff[5] (Tom or J.T.) was the oldest son of Robert W. Woodruff[4] (George Jr[3], George Sr[2], Richard[1]) born in Madison co, Alabama, in 1828. He died 1870-1880. His last known residence was the 23rd Civil Dist, Rutherford co, Tenn, (1870 Census) however, he is buried in the Cloeman Cemetery near Bradyville, Cannon co, Tenn. (no marker).

Robert W. married Lucretia Ring on 5 Nov 1853 in Rutherford co, Tenn. Lucretia was born in March 1834 in Cannon co, and died at the age of 92 years, about 1926-7. She is most likely buried at Mt Carmel cemetery, Wolfe City, Texas (residence of her children). She was the daughter of William Ring, born in N. C., and Mary Matthews born in Georgia. Lucretia's name appears in two books relating to the Ring family. A copy of a Will, 1866, exists whereby her father left "to my dau, Lucretia Woodruff, a colt". (Book HH, p 424 & 633 -Settlement of William Ring Estate).

James Thomas Woodruff, along with his brother, Allen W., and two brothers-in-law, Bart & Fayte Ring, served in the Civil War in the same Company - the 4th Cavalry (sometimes referred to as the 8th Cavalry), commanded by Joe Wheeler in the Battle of Stone's River near Murfreesboro, Tenn, in Little Theatre.

James Thomas and Lucretia had 9 children, one died in infancy, and a son is believed to have died at the age of 10-13 years. The remaining 7 married in Tennessee, five moved near Wolfe City, Texas, in parts of Fannin and Hunt counties, and two remained in Murfreesboro area.

Lucretia made 21 trips, about 1890 to 1926, between Tennessee and Texas, visiting her grown children and grandchildren.

Children of James Thomas Woodruff[5] & Lucretia (Ring) Woodruff -

1. William Walker Woodruff[6], the oldest son of James Thomas Woodruff, was born in 1855 and died in Rutherford co, Tenn; buried Evergreen cemetery. He married Ellen Irene Blackman, born in Rutherford co in 1860, the dau of Raiford Crawford Blackman and Ann Rebecca (Ridout), both of Rutherford co.

William Walker Woodruff and Ellen owned a farm 2 miles south of the city limits of Murfreesboro, Tenn, near the village of Barfield, and here, William ran a Blacksmith Shop for many years. It was in this area that all of his children and grandchildren were born and reared, many descendants still living in the area.

(1) James B Woodruff[7] (M.D.) married Laura Maddox. Ch: Fred & Imogene.
(2) Louisa Ann Woodruff married Josh Ring. Ch: Gilbert & Ann.
(3) John Thomas Woodruff married Betty Carter. Ch: Ona, Jack & Jonelle.
(4) Newton Woodruff married Dessie McCullough. Ch: Marie, Denton, Ruth & Robert.
(5) Mary Ada Woodruff married Thomas Miles Baskin. Ch: Eugene, Robert, Thomas Jr, Edward, Sidney, Elizabeth, Margaret, Horace, Doris, Lyla, Ada Bryant. (This is the line of - James S. Baskin 306 W. McKnight Drive, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 37130 (1985)
(6) Eunice Woodruff married William Helton. Ch: Ralph, Leland, Evelyn & Mildred.
(7) Bessie Myrtle Woodruff married Walter Helton. No children.
(8) Addis Woodruff died at about the age of 13 years.
(9) Charlie A Woodruff died in infancy.

2. Louisa Tennie Woodruff[6], dau of James Thomas Woodruff, was born in Tennessee in 1859, and died in Bailey, Texas; buried east of Leonard, Texas. She married in Cannon co, Tenn, in 1875, to James (Jim) Gregory, and they moved to Bailey, Texas and died there. Ch: Willie & Alice.

3. James B. (J.B.) Woodruff[6] was born in Tenn in 1857. He appeared on 2 census. Believe to have died young.

4. Addison Woodruff "Addie" (twin) was born in April 1861, in died in Wolfe City, Texas; buried at Mt Carmel. He married Ida ( ) and 2nd, Mary J Whitehead. Ch: Arthur, Tenny B, Callie, Madison, Clifford, Winifred and Bill.

5. Madison W Woodruff (twin) called "Maddie", was born Apr 1861 in Tenn. He too died in Wolfe City, Texas and buried at Mt Carmel. He married Sarah Ellen (Ella) Bowman, born in 1863 and died in 1954. Ch: Delbert, Ervin Byrns, Robert Elze, Ira William, James Addison, Ora Leon (girl)

6. Thomas Lafayette Woodruff "Pony" was born in 1864 in Tenn, and died in Tenn. He married Ida Bowman who died in Tenn or Texas. Ch: William Floyd, Freddie F, Thomas B, Jimmie M & Cleo.

7. John Wilson Woodruff[6] was born 11 May 1866 in Murfreesboro, Tenn, Rutherford county. He died 12 May 1930 in Fannin co, Texas; buried perhaps in Mt Carmel cemetery near Wolfe City, Texas. He married Mary Elizabeth Bowman (Liza), born 5 Aug 1873 in Tenn, and died 18 Sept 1939 in Lubbock, Texas, near Gleecy; buried in Lubbock, cemetery unknown. She was the dau of Robert Knox Bowman and Judith Braxton Daniel, both natives of Tennessee. John Wilson and Liza were the parents of 12 children -

(1) Nellie Woodruff[7] was born Oct 1891 in Tenn; died in Texas; never married.
(2) James Erskine Woodruff was born 3 Sept 1893, Tenn. Died 27 July 1969; bur. Marshall, Texas. He married Eula Ethel Bellamy, 9 Nov 1913, Wolfe City, Texas.
(3) Roscoe Woodruff b Dec 1896, Tenn; died 1925-27, Norman, Ok; bur Whitewright, Texas; married Mytrle Wilson & had 2 daus, Gwendolyn & Mary Ida.
(4) Gleecy Alma Woodruff b. 26 Jan 1900, Tenn. Died 13 Sept 1964, Lubbock, Texas; married John Volly Hayslip 26 May 1919.
(5) Alfred Rudolph Woodruff (A.R. was actually named "Pony" after an uncle but changed it by the age of 8. He was born 21 Dec 1902, Murfreesboro, Tenn. He died 29 Sept 1965, Sherman, Texas, and bur. in Cedarlawn cemetery, Hwy 75, Sherman/Denison.He married Edith Leona Smith, born 25 Feb 1909, Ambrose, Texas; and died 24 July 1981 in Sherman, Texas; bur. Cedarlawn. One dau - Joyce Carol Woodruff, b 25 May 1934 in

in Savoy, Fannin co, Texas; married 24 Dec 1949, S. Terrana, Sherman, Texas. Living in 1985 in Route 4-Box 86, ~~Burlington~~ Burleson, Texas 76028

(6) Sidney Kidwell Woodruff[7] born 11 Feb 1904, Texas; living 1984 in Ector, Texas. He married Christine Melugin, 7 July 1930, Colbert, Oklahoma.

(7) Era Olin Woodruff b 19 Nov 1909, Texas. Married Ed Fipps, and 2nd, P D Sikes.

(8) Hildred (Bowman) Woodruff b 1912, Texas. Living in 1984 at Lubbock, Texas; married Jewel Guthrie and 2nd, Tonnie (Stevens) Ellison.

(9) Mildred Frances Woodruff born 6 Feb 1915, Texas; living at Savoy, Texas in 1984. Married 30 Sept 1932 Carlton Johnson, Durant, Ok.

(10) Ima Jean Woodruff born 1901-15. Lived 1½ years. Buried South Sulpher, about 8 miles west of Commerce, Texas.

(11 &12) Twin infants born 1900, died at birth.

8. Mary "Molly" Woodruff[6], the 8th child of James Thomas Woodruff, was born in 1869 and died 1948. She married Alf. James Blackman, born 1862 and died 1939, both in Healton, Oklahoma. Ch: Willie R, Carmine B, Barttie, Tempie L, Jesse Jewel, Herman, Glen, Brady & Grady (twins).

II William Trigg Woodruff[5], 2nd son of Robert W. Woodruff[4] and his first wife (unknown) was born in Aug 1834 in Rutherford co, Tenn. He died about 1908 in Camel, Texas and buried at Brigham cemetery.

He married Mary Jane McCaslin, 22 Nov 1851, in Cannon co, Tenn, dau of Matthew McCaslin and Hannah Barr Robinson. Mary Jane was born in 1834 and died in 1873.

William Trigg married, second, Elizabeth "Lizzie" Jones, 30 May 1877 in Rutherford co, Tenn. They are listed in the 1880 Census of Rutherford co, Tenn, and accordingly, Lizzie was born in 1860.

William Trigg Woodruff is first named in the 1850 Census of Cannon county in the household of his father, age 19 years. He served in the Confederacy during the Civil War in Co C, 8th Tenn Inf Regt, and is known to have fought in the Battle of Stone's River. One story that is unverified is that William T. crossed Union lines to come home and had to be hid in the root cellar to avoid Federal troops.

In the 1860 Census he is living in Cannon co, Tenn, household no. 145, postoffice Bradyville. He is a farmer and his real

estate is valued at 250.00. There are 7 children named in his household, but two are known to have died, perhaps others.

Mary Jane apparently died at the birth of the youngest child, Jimmy, and the oldest dau, Martha Emiline mentioned often to her family that she was responsible for the care of her younger bros and sisters until her father's remarriage. The family is listed in the 1880 Census of Rutherford co, and sometime later, moved to Fannin co, Texas, where they appear in the 1900 Census. There were 7 known children by the 2nd marriage, perhaps others. William Trigg and Lizzie separated in later life, and he lived out his final days in the home of J.G. and Martha Emiline Youree.

William Trigg was remembered, by his granddau Hallie Youree Cantrell, as being about 6 foot and large build, full head and beard of white hair. He was a very strong Presbyterian and of a quiet disposition. He died while on one of his usual morning walks. His grave was originally marked by a carved marble dresser top which is now gone.

Children of William Trigg Woodruff[5] & 1st wife, Mary J. McCaslin.

1. Thomas P. Woodruff[6] was born in 1853; married L. Clemmia, born 1864. Ch: Mary J, Ida May, Madison P & Davie A.

2. William Robert Woodruff[6] was born 23 Jan 1855, in Cannon co, Tenn. He married Mattye (Martha) Robinson on 24 Dec 1879. She was born 5 Nov 1862 and died 8 July 1906. She was the dau of Edward N. and S. Carlini Robinson. William Robert died in Feb 1949 and is buried, with Mattye, in Burns cemetery, Trenton, Texas. Their children are as follows:

Millie E born 1 Jan 1882; married Mattie Andress
Charlie M born 3 Dec 1883; died 25 Aug 1966; mar Juanita Benson.
Rufus T b. 30 Aug 1885; d. 10 Nov 1954; m. Sallie Robinson
Robert E b. 16 June 1887; d. 3 Aug 1887
Alton Tony b. 31 Jan 1889; d. 16 Apr 1948; m. Fannie Russell
Andrew Chalmus b. 12 Dec 1890; d 27 July 1953; mar. Era B Stevens.
Argus R b 7 Aug 1893; m. Luta Cooper
Verdie C b 8 Nov 1895; d 26 Nov 1975
Jessie G b. 11 Mar 1898; d. Feb 1944; m. Creeta L Anderson
(This is the line of Sally Hazard, 9399 Vernon Circle, Alexander, Va. 22309)

3. John Wilson Woodruff[6] was born Mar 1857; bur. Ravenna cemetery, Bonham, Texas. He married Lezze B ( ), born in Ky 1851. Ch: Willie (girl), Florence A & J. Wylie.

4. Martha Emiline Woodruff[6], the oldest daughter of William Trigg Woodruff, was born 10 Nov 1859 and died 15 Mar 1923, bur, with Granville, in Wolf Creek cemetery, Utica, Okla. She married Joseph Granville Youree, son of Joseph and Elizabeth Curlee Youree, in Rutherford co, Tenn, on 27 Dec 1877. Joseph was born 26 July 1854 and died 26 Feb 1932. They moved to Fannin co, Texas about 1883 where they resided until moving to near Durant, Okla. about 1910. Their children are as follows:

Joseph William b. 28 Nov 1878; m. Cora Roark
James Calvin b 5 May 1880; d 1893
Edith May b. 14 Dec 1882; mar. Bill Alexander
Hattie Rosanna b. 7 May 1884; m. Walt Alexander
Mary Bee b. 21 Jan 1886; m. C. Alexander
Willie Lena b. 24 Sept 1887
Oscar Granville b. 3 Feb 1889; m. Bertie Carter
Cora Maud b 19 Aug 1890; m. Pate Williams
Hallie Winifred b. 18 Apr 1893; m. Roy Cantrell
Letty Lillian b. 9 Nov 1894; m. Charles Wright
Harry Eugene b. 24 June 1897; d. 28 Feb 1965; m. Myrtle Beal
Samuel Forrest b 1 Apr 1900; m. C. Hulsman
Ressie Faye b. 11 Dec 1901; m. Grant Stacy
(The information on the family of Martha Emiline Woodruff was provided by Gary Youree, Box 176, Heavener, Okla. 74937, who has further information on this line.)

5. Hughes A. Woodruff[6] was born in 1866.

6. Mary L Woodruff was born in 1870

7. Doretha Woodruff was born Nov 1869.

The above 7 children all appear in the 1870 Census of Rutherford co, Tenn, Dist no. 5, household 174. P.O. Walter Hill, Tn. Also ch: Roxy and Jimmie added by family members, perhaps others.

Children of William Trigg Woodruff[5] & 2nd wife, Lizzie Jones.

Bill b. 1878; George b. 1879; Gladis b. 1887; Elsie b. July 1888; Vera b. Feb 1893; Oliver b. Aug 1894; Dewey b. Dec 1898. Probably more born between 1880-1888.

III. Virginia Woodruff[5], dau of Robert W. Woodruff[4] and his 2nd wife, Temperance (Whitfield) Willis, was born in 1845 in Tenn. (1850 & 1860 Federal Census of Cannon co, Tenn.)

IV. Allen W. Woodruff[5], son of Robert W Woodruff[4] & 2nd wife, Temperance (Whitfield) Willis, was born in May 1846 in Tenn. He was living in Pct 3 in Fannin co, Texas in 1900. He married Elizabeth "Betty" born Apr 1850 in Tenn. He served in the Civil War, 4th Cavalry, Commanded by Joe Wheeler & fought in Battle of Stone's River, near Murfreesboro, in Little Theater.

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Gary Youree, Box 176, Heavener, Okla. 74937

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